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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Chairman Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. presiding.

Bill Busbice
Terry Denmon
Lee Felterman
Tom Kelly
Wayne Sagrera
Jerry Stone

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the **February 7, 2002 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for February** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during February.

Region I - Minden - 100 citations and 19 warning.

Region II - Monroe - 59 citations and 14 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 92 citations and 23 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 47 citations and 12 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 108 citations and 18 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 126 citations and 16 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 125 citations and 7 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 109 citations and 6 warnings.

Region IX - Schriever - 187 citations and 31 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 44 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 35 citations.

SWEP - 6 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 34 citations and 3 warnings.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 1,080. Also there were 149 warning citations issued statewide.

The aviation report for February 2002 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 45.7 hours for enforcement and 16.8 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued. A total of 14 hunter education courses were taught in February with 440 students receiving their certificates. Also, one Hunter Education Instructor and Coordinator's workshop was held as well as a workshop on turkey safety.

Mr. Jimmy Anthony began the next two agenda items, a **Notice of Intent - 2002-03 Resident Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits** and **Notice of Intent - Statewide Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations** with a slide presentation. The small game seasons will be basically the same with calendar adjustments from last year. Quail season dates will be from November 16-February 28 with the same bag and possession limits; rabbit season will be October 5-February 28; squirrel dates will be October 5-February 9; and pheasants would remain closed. Deer season dates for Area 1 are just calendar season adjustments. Deer Area 6 will see some drastic changes with bowhunting dates of November 1-February 2 and the rest of the season will be calendar adjustments. Mr. Anthony explained one reason for a later bowhunting season was that research showed 91 percent of the fawns are 2 months or less old in October. If the season was extended later into February, it would conflict with the late rabbit and squirrel seasons. Boundary changes for Area 6 including Terrebonne and Avoyelles Parish was then explained. Maps of these two parishes were shown. The proposed deer dates for the other areas are basically calendar adjustments from last year. Either-sex days statewide will be the same number of days except in the northwestern portion of the state where they will increase by 5 days due to the effects of the drought two years ago. Nutria season dates will be from September 1-February 28 but additional

restrictions would be added for hunting nutria on WMAs. Next Mr. Anthony talked about the WMA regulation changes. The first change dealt with the size of ATVs allowed and the restriction on tire size. All trails and roads on WMAs will be closed to ATVs from March 1-August 31 except for use at night by raccoon hunters during their season. Hunting guides and outfitters will not be able to operate on WMAs. Arkansas and Mississippi has a similar regulation. On WMA youth hunts, if the accompanying adult has been hunter education certified or has a hunting license, then the restriction for hunter education for that youth could be waived. Self-clearing permits were a success on the WMAs with 70 to 90 percent compliance. The Senate passed a resolution asking that campers be given 72 hours from the time they check in until they check out to complete a self-clearing permit. WMA seasons remain unchanged, but several areas will have increased opportunities. On Union and Lake Ramsey WMAs, a short squirrel dog season was added; a day or 2 of muzzleloader season was added for Sicily Island Hills, Bens Creek, Pearl River, Sandy Hollow, Tunica, Thistlewaite and Attakapas WMAs; and a few days of buck only hunting was added to areas in the lower Mississippi River valley area. Two special youth lottery hunts were added to Dewey Wills WMA and the Big Island area of Atchafalaya Delta. The waterfowl hunting opportunities at Red River WMA were increased by allowing hunting on the Yahey Tract on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Also the lottery deer hunt will end on Buckhorn WMA and this will allow for 2 days of either-sex hunting on Thanksgiving weekend. Plum Creek Timber Company has purchased lands in Morehouse Parish and requested the Georgia-Pacific WMA be changed to Plum Creek WMA. Kisatchie National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuges will have basic calendar adjustments to their seasons. Hunter orange requirements will be the same as for the state WMAs.

Mr. Tommy Prickett added, in Terrebonne Parish deer Area 7, there has been a problem between eastern hunters that are primarily still hunters and western hunters that are primarily dog hunters. When the season was adjusted last year to accommodate the western hunters, this made Terrebonne's season less desirable. So a decision was made to move a portion of the parish into deer Area 6 because of the late rut. Then Mr. Prickett stated the still hunting area in Avoyelles Parish has been this way for many years as well as on the WMAs and Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge. A group of hunters were in attendance to present a map of this area showing 100 percent support for still hunting only. Also additional biological surveys on National Forest lands will be conducted over the next several years hopefully leading to better

science-based recommendations for these lands. Chairman Gattle asked if the presentation covered both agenda items 4 and 5? Mr. Prickett stated there are two resolutions for action, one pertains to the permanent rules and regulations for the taking of resident game and WMA regulations, and the other resolution related to seasons and bag limits. Also, Mr. Prickett announced there would be a series of public hearings throughout the state on the Notices of Intent. Chairman Gattle reiterated these were Notices of Intent and there would be 120 days until ratification and there would be time to modify or change the proposals. He then asked that the language on taking quadrupeds with an aircraft is reviewed to see if the word "from" should be changed to "the use of an aircraft". Mr. Prickett stated this has been looked into and will seek what possibilities will be allowed as well as seeking legislative changes to tighten the precepts of taking wildlife with an aircraft. Also, Mr. Prickett commented the process for the hunting pamphlets will be changed this year such that a blue line draft will be developed by mid-May, then have a production copy at the printers the day the rules are ratified and hopefully get the pamphlets out in early August. Chairman Gattle stated he and Commissioner Denmon have been approached about the use of a 4-wheeler to assist in pulling a deer for those with heart or other health problems and asked that this be reviewed. Commissioner Denmon asked that some reasonable accommodation that can be enforced be added. Mr. Prickett stated staff would meet with Enforcement and look into the possibilities. He then explained the long history of ATV regulations. Commissioner Denmon stated he receives more calls on squirrel season and noted these hunters feel they are being squeezed out with the conflicts occurring during the deer season. Some squirrel hunters have suggested extending the season on the back end. Commissioner Denmon asked if there was a biological reason why the season is set as it is? Mr. Prickett commented they have recognized the numbers of deer hunters on the lands and they may be squeezing the small game hunters. The squirrel season has been extended three times over the last 5 or 6 years and may have gone as far as possible. Mr. Mike Olinde stated most squirrels breed in late December or early January. But the main concern is in the Florida parishes where there are subspecies and isolated populations. As the squirrel season is moved back, people are making comments about seeing fetuses. Then Commissioner Denmon asked if the prohibition on hunting guides and outfitters was to alleviate the reserving of areas for hunters or just working on WMAs in general? Mr. Prickett stated they began receiving comments from waterfowl hunters where competition for space is increasing on public lands. The real problem is that the public

does not want to compete with someone who is making their living to pursue a sport. All of the other southeastern states have been contacted on the issue of commercial guiding on their WMAs and most states that have waterfowl resources has such a prohibition. However, Texas has not taken any action. Chairman Gattle asked for clarification on the use of horses and mules on WMAs. Mr. Prickett stated the activity of riding horses was increasing throughout the State and Sandy Hollow WMA gets more user effort from horseback riding than any other form of recreation. Chairman Gattle asked about not extending the bowhunting season in Area 6 noting from the slide presentation it was due to the conflict with squirrel and rabbit hunters. Mr. Prickett explained the user conflict that may occur in Area 6. But he did state that biologically, they could not tell if extending the season would harm the deer population in Area 6. Commissioner Stone asked if moving back the bowhunting start date would not affect the small game hunters? Mr. Prickett answered no. Commissioner Busbice asked for an explanation for increasing the number of doe days in the northwestern portion of the State. Mr. Anthony stated Mr. Steve Hebert has seen a degradation in the deer herd health on DMAP lands and WMAs due mainly to the two years of drought. Mr. Dave Moreland added they did a deer collection on Barksdale and felt the does collected were not at a good body weight. The younger deer were at their right weights and with the good mast crop, the younger deer will move up and improvements should be seen. Commissioner Busbice stated he talked to a hunter from this area that killed a buck and when he grabbed the antlers, they came off. Chairman Gattle then opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Russell Lantier, speaking for the State Bowhunters Association, stated the situation in Area 6 has caused more buzz in the 10 years he has been doing this. He stated they would never argue with the biology that Mr. Moreland has discovered and they do support the shift of the bowhunting season from October 1 to November 1. But they strongly oppose the fact the recommendation does not extend the season to the end of February especially since there is no biological reason not to. This change results in the time a bowhunter can be in the woods without competition from the gun hunters from 6 weeks to 2 weeks. Mr. Lantier felt shop owners would join in the buzz when they found out about this change. Another point he made was that bowhunting is not incompatible with squirrel and rabbit hunting. The last point made was the Department has always advocated giving more hunter opportunities, but now the Bowhunters want to know what happened to that argument.

Mr. Roy Hendrick, a deer hunter in Area 6, congratulated the biologists in moving the season for the Basin, but felt they were only halfway right. He felt the second rut did not begin until the second week in February. Mr. Hendrick asked to be allowed to hunt the second rut possibly by moving the muzzleloader season another week or two.

Mr. Jonathan Woods, a member of BSBA, agreed with Mr. Lantier, but wanted to know what information conveyed that bucks should not be harvested 3 months before rutting. He suggested opening the bowhunting season October 1 for bucks only which would still protect the does.

Mr. Frank Perry, a sporting goods store owner in Baker, stated he has encouraged youth to participate in hunting for many years. Then he commented it will be difficult to sell \$500-\$1,000 worth of equipment to a person to participate in a sport that may be for 2 weeks. Mr. Perry asked the Commission to reconsider the bowhunting season.

Mr. Robert DeSoto, owner of two archery shops, stated he also has concerns on cutting the season. He has already received comments from bowhunters that if the first part of the season was cut out, they would just wait until the gun season. He asked that the season be extended into February. His biggest concern was on the impact to his business.

Mr. Edward Shertler, a bowhunter/landowner, supported Mr. Lantier in asking for the extension into February for the lost days. He felt both bowhunters and rabbit hunters could co-exist and it should be left to a landowner to determine whether he wants rabbit hunting or deer hunting on his property.

Mr. Michael Tyler, a member of a local archery club, stated they had a meeting and discussed this change. He asked, with their being no biological reason, that the season in Area 6 be extended into February.

Mr. Roland Dugas, a property owner in Areas 6 and 1, agreed with Mr. Lantier and hoped hunting would continue through February or at least a portion of it.

Mr. James Hubbs stated he did not know about the change for deer Area 6 until that morning. He agreed with putting off shooting does until the fawns were older, but feels the rabbit

season dates were squeezing out the hunters. Mr. Hubbs also stated archery hunters do not bother them when hunting. He questioned the opening of the modern gun season before muzzleloader season. Finally Mr. Hubbs expressed thanks for the effort in trying to get the hunting pamphlet to the hunters sooner than it has been.

Mr. Sidney Joffrion, a representative of 185,000 acres in Avoyelles Parish that is proposed for still hunting, commented they still hunt, but it is uncontrollable. When he was with Operation Game Thief, he received many calls about people running dogs and he would have to tell his caller the regulation could not be enforced. So Mr. Joffrion hoped his land would be made a still hunt only area. Also, he stated the School Board in Avoyelles Parish has adopted still hunting on their property and ATV tire size. A map was then presented that showed all of the clubs that wants still hunting. Finally, he felt there would be no problem in extending the bowhunting season.

Mr. Bilwood Smith stated he was glad to see the proposed rule for prohibiting commercial hunting guides. Over the last 4 or 5 years, there have been a number of out-of-state guides setting up operations on WMAs with about 10 people in their party and Louisiana does not receive any taxes or revenue from these activities.

Mr. Neil Smith stated he was on his annual crusade trying to get rid of deer hunting with dogs. He felt it was unfair to plant food and manage his land for deer and then someone put dogs on the fence line and runs the deer over and shoots them.

Mr. Chad Dauthier, President of the South Louisiana Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association, supported the moving back of the season dates. Also, they agreed with Mr. Lantier on the bowhunting season and would like to see it extended into February. Mr. Dauthier then expressed support for a proposal on deer tagging. Again they wanted to present the 6 point proposal for consideration and noted they have support from 84 percent of the landowners from the tri-parish area of Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge. A biological issue from last year may have been resolved by allowing the harvest of under 3 inch spikes and letting land managers take deer that may be inferior. Chairman Gattle stated there has been some discussion on quality deer management, but not by horn size. He felt Mr. Dave Moreland and Mr. Larry Savage are deer experts and knew there has been a strong thought process for the way management occurs in the state.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux asked with there being 28 or 29 less hunting days, will the license fees be reduced? He then asked for an extension of the season into February or have a bucks only season beginning October 1. With less hunting days, Mr. Thibodaux felt there would be less federal dollars Louisiana would receive.

Mr. Chad Dauthier added that Mr. Dave Moreland met with them last year and helped to formulate their plan and deemed it to be a good plan. Also he spoke with other biologists and they felt it would be a good plan too.

Mr. Tommy Prickett reminded the Commission the Quality Deer Management Association recommended a 6 point or better program in three parishes and staff gave a lengthy list of reasons why they should not go along with it. On the Big Game Survey, 86 percent of the deer hunters is interested in some form of quality deer management. But how to achieve it is where everyone differs. The staff's view of how to accomplish quality deer management on a statewide basis is different from how clubs are implementing it. A tagging proposal for both turkey and deer has been discussed and this could stop hunters from harvesting over the limit and could provide biological information that may result in expanding the either-sex seasons. The appropriate way to move toward quality deer management on a statewide basis is to not harvest such a high number of buck deer. Hopefully the Department will receive input on the concept of moving toward deer tagging from the public hearings, commented Mr. Prickett. Then he stated comments were made to have a bucks only season in October and one of the reasons for not having this option is the biological ramifications of taking bucks three months before the breeding season. He asked Mr. Dave Moreland to explain why this was not recommended. Mr. Moreland stated Mississippi State did research on their WMAs that showed a long bucks only season cut into their reproduction and created an extended breeding season for them. Thanksgiving has traditionally been the opening for the gun season and this has to be included in setting seasons. So, November 1 was the best scenario to open the bow season. Commissioner Busbice asked if the small landowners from the tri-parish area participated in DMAP program last year? Mr. Moreland stated some clubs did take advantage of this program, but the harvest data was just coming in. Commissioner Busbice asked what was Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama's bow season range? Mr. Moreland stated they were about the same.

Chairman Gattle asked the Commission if there was any action they wished to take and none were made. He then asked Mr. Anthony to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution on the resident hunting season dates and bag limits. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Anthony read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for statewide hunting and WMA rules. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 7, 2002

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 7, 2002.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of

resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2002-2003 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2002-2003

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 16-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 5-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 5-Feb. 9	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season (Only 2 may be legal bucks)

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 16-Nov. 22 Jan. 18-Jan. 26	Nov. 23-Dec. 6 Jan. 6-Jan. 17	Dec. 7-Jan. 5
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 26-Nov. 1 Jan. 11-Jan. 19	Nov. 2-Dec. 6	Dec. 7-Jan. 10
3	Sept. 14- Jan. 15	Oct. 5-Oct. 11 Dec. 2-Dec. 6	Oct. 12-Dec. 1 Dec. 7-Jan. 1	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 9-Nov. 15 Jan. 11-Jan. 19	Nov. 16-Jan. 10	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 16-Nov. 22 Jan. 11-Jan. 19 Bucks Only	Nov. 23-Dec. 1	
6	Nov. 1- Feb. 2	Dec. 9-Dec. 20	Nov. 23-Dec. 8	Dec. 21-Feb. 2
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 12-Oct. 18 Nov. 9-Nov. 15	Oct. 19-Nov. 8 Nov. 16-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Jan. 1
8	Sept. 14- Jan. 15	Oct. 5-Oct. 11 Dec. 2-Dec. 6	Oct. 12-Dec. 1	Dec. 7-Jan. 1

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 8: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Ascension	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
Assumption	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
Avoyelles	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
Beauregard	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 8: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Bienville	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Bossier	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Caddo	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Calcasieu	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 8: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Caldwell	Nov. 2-3, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Cameron	Oct. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Claiborne	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Concordia	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22
DeSoto	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
East Carroll	Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison parish line.
	Nov. 16-17, 29-30, Dec. 1 the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Franklin	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
	Area 7: Oct. 19-20, Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Iberville	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Jackson	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Jefferson	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Lafourche	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Lincoln	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Livingston	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Madison	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 4: Nov. 16-17, 29-30, Dec. 1

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Natchitoches	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 4: Nov. 16-17, 29-30, Dec. 1
Plaquemines	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
Red River	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Richland	Nov. 16-17, 29-30, Dec. 1
Sabine	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
St. Bernard	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. Charles	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. Helena	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. James	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. John	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 12-13, Nov. 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
St. Martin	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
	Area 7: Oct. 19-20, Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
St. Tammany	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Tangipahoa	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Tensas	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22
Terrebonne	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
	Area 7: Oct. 19-20, Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Union	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Vermillion	Oct. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 8: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Washington	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
Webster	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Winn	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations:
 Region 1 - March 19, 6:30 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 18, 7:00 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 19, 7:00 PM, Alexandria Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 12, 7:00 PM, Concordia Parish Community Center, Ferriday, Louisiana; Region

5 - March 20, 7:00 PM, Burton Coliseum, Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 14, 7:00 PM, East Houma Bingo Hall, Houma, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 14, 7:00 PM, Elmer E. Lyons Auditorium, Covington High School, Covington, Louisiana. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until Tuesday, May 7, 2002 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 7, 2002

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 7, 2002.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are

in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally from September 1 through February 28 during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with no limit, including WMAs. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel and during gun deer seasons anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Pelting or selling of carcasses is illegal EXCEPT when taken by a licensed trapper during the trapping season. Trespass upon private property without consent for the purpose of taking nutria is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265).

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 2 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans. ~~ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.~~

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter and attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the

kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile; including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be

transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game

schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to ~~possess~~, sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or

public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is ~~en~~ in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Except in wildlife management areas, a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader —Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, ~~Pass-a-Loutre~~ and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youth must be under the age of 16, must have proof of successfully completing a Department approved hunter safety course, and must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt big game.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

~~i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.~~

ii. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River,

north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, west of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iiiv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula Parish line.

iv. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

~~i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.~~

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line,

south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iii. Franklin - All

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61

and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine, Caldwell.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. ~~Allen - North of U.S. 10 from the parish line to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from the intersection of La. 10 to the intersection of U.S. 190 at Kinder and north of U.S. 190 from Kinder east to the parish line~~ North of U.S. 190 from the parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale, westward to the parish line;

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Catahoula - That portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry. West of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

v. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vi. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

vii. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula parish line.

viii. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

x. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xi. Vernon - North of La. 10 from the parish line westward to the intersection of La. 113, south ~~and east~~ of La. 113 eastward to the parish line. Also the portion North and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465

from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north ~~and west~~ of U.S. 190 westward from of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - ~~East of La. 27 and s~~South of U.S. 90. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting with firearms is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - ~~South of La. 1 and also~~ All except that portion east west of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

- iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.
 - iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.
 - v. Livingston - South of I-12.
 - vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
 - vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.
 - viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.
 - ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
 - x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.
 - xi. Terrebonne - North of La. 182 from Assumption Parish line eastward to Houma, east of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.
 - xii. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.
- d. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
- i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.
 - ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.
 - iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
 - iv. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the

spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. ~~The following parish is open: Terrebonne.~~

ba. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. Terrebonne - South of La. 182 from Assumption Parish line eastward to Houma, west of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. ~~Allen - That portion lying south of La. 10 from the parish line near Elizabeth to the intersection of U.S. 165, west of U.S. 165 from the intersection of La. 10 to the intersection of U.S. 190 at Kinder, and east of La. 113 from the intersection of U.S. 190 to the parish line~~ That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder, west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale eastward to parish line;

ii. Vernon - That portion ~~lying south and east~~ of La. 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin, and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line;

iii. Beauregard - That portion lying east of La. 113. Also that portion ~~lying south and east of La. 190 from~~

~~the Texas state line to DeRidder, and west of La. 27 from DeRidder to the parish line west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;~~

iv. Calcasieu - That portion lying ~~west~~ east of La. 27 from the parish line ~~near DeQuincy~~ southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, except for Lake Boeuf, Salvador/Timken and Pointe-aux-Chenes or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt deer according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit. Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting

time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's activity on the day of the activity. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a camp. ~~AFTER each day's activity on the day of the activity.~~ EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. In an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety

course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs.

Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There is no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT ~~nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-aux-Chenes~~ as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in

Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands ~~where~~ the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters from the beginning of archery season on the area until February 28 and only with guns/ammunition or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

n. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Managements Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) as well as hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped ~~hunters~~ hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. ~~Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and can be obtained from the WMA headquarters. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs.~~ Permits ~~may~~ must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and

Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, dumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

ba. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

cb. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

dc. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ~~ATV tires are restricted to those with a maximum one inch lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.~~

ed. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

fe. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

gf. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

hg. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

ih. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

ji. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

kj. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

lk. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

mt. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. ~~Trails and roads designated as ATV only shall be closed to ATVs~~ are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purpose. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail and designated on WMA maps. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only.

nm. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Commercial Activities. Hunting Guides/Outfitters:
No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

11. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure.
For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and

other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12†. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13‡. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

14‡. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15‡. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16‡. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

17‡. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

e. Bayou Pierre

f. Bens Creek

g. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

- j. Bodcau
- k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.
- l. Boise-Vernon
- m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.
- n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.
- o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.
- p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.
- q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.
- rs. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.
- st. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods, roads and trails.
- tu. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.
- uv. Lake Boeuf
- yw. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.
- wx. Little River

xy. Loggy Bayou

yz. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed.
Attended lift nets are allowed.

zaa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

aab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

abc. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

acd. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

adr. Plum Creek (Formerly Georgia-Pacific). EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

ae. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting and experimental youth deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during each Saturday of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by

the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact Pointe-aux-Chenes. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational
crawfishing only on the North and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish
harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No
traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on
farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of
the area. Permit is required. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.
Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA.
Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic
prohibited on east Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA
boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open
by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No
trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya
National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land
holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will
have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting
or trapping in restricted area.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game
harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the
corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock
prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. All
trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted
Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any
day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region
Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport
Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during
waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed
in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the
improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at
camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water
skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in
restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted
to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through
main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock
prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: Region 1 - March 19, 6:30 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 18, 7:00 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 19, 7:00 PM, Alexandria Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 12, 7:00 PM, Concordia Parish Community Center, Ferriday, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 20, 7:00 PM, Burton Coliseum, Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 14, 7:00 PM, East Houma Bingo Hall, Houma, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 14, 7:00 PM, Elmer E. Lyons Auditorium, Covington High School, Covington, Louisiana. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until Tuesday, May 7, 2002 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and

the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent & Declaration of Emergency - Moratorium on New Oyster Leases was handled by Mrs. Karen Foote. She began stating this item was on the agenda as a result of a request from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Secretary of DNR has asked a moratorium be placed on the issuance of new oyster leases for any waterbottoms not presently under lease. This is being done to reduce the State's exposure to potential claims from oyster leaseholders. Also, not placing a moratorium would cause imminent peril to the Coastal Restoration Program and to the federal/state partnership. The moratorium will also include the taking of oyster lease applications for any new acreage. This proposed action will place a moratorium on the auction of oyster leases taken for nonpayment of rent. The only exemption will be for those applications for new leases that have previously selected the relocation option. There are three leases that have chosen this option. Chairman Gattle asked if the leaseholders have chosen to move their beds to another location? Mrs. Foote answered yes. Commissioner Denmon asked if those leaseholders could apply for a new lease or just move their lease? Mrs. Foote stated their old lease would be dead and they would get acreage in an open area that is not covered under any coastal restoration impact area. The moratorium will not affect oyster lease renewals. Upon action by the Commission, the Department would stop turning pending applications for new acreage into a lease. However, the applications on hand would be kept in order for when the moratorium is lifted and the process can continue. The Notice of Intent states the same as the Declaration of Emergency but would eventually be ratified. Commissioner Stone asked if there was a projection on the length of the moratorium? Mrs. Foote stated, not at this time. Chairman Gattle asked if the moratorium could be lifted at any time? Commission action would be needed to lift the

moratorium, added Mrs. Foote. She then commented the proposed action includes the process for taking applications once the moratorium is lifted. Chairman Gattle asked Mrs. Foote to explain the Notice of Intent.

Chairman Gattle then asked DNR's Assistant Secretary Randy Hanchey to come forward and address the issue. Over the past several years, the State has been sued by large classes of oyster leaseholders for damages to their leases as a result of coastal restoration projects. This began several years after the opening of the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion project. One of the major purposes of the project was to improve productivity of oysters in the Breton Sound area. From data collected in this area, it has been confirmed that there has been a tremendous increase in productivity from the oyster leases. Consequently, some of the leases that were close to the structure were overfished and were damaged. The Federal Courts threw out the case, but the State Courts rendered a judgement against the project and this could cost the State between \$700 million to \$1 billion. The case has been appealed. Other suits have been filed, several of which have been heard and additional judgements have been issued against the State. The total judgements against the State well exceeds \$1 billion. Since this has occurred, the Governor has appointed a Committee to determine how the State can take the Coastal Restoration Program to a larger level and increase the resources. The Committee has recommended to the Governor the State find ways to raise funding that can be partnered with the Federal Government. One of the major issues in this partnership is the Federal Government has a concern with the liability the State has for the leases and the inability to resolve this issue. Mr. Hanchey then stated the objective of the request was to issue a moratorium to stop any further leasing so the problem does not get worse before it is determined how to solve the problem. The moratorium will also give the State the opportunity to determine if any changes in the leasing program should be made. It was felt the moratorium would have no impact on the industry and very little impact on oystermen. Mr. Hanchey then explained the exemption for the relocation for a leaseholder in the Davis Pond area.

Secretary Jenkins commented the Department has been assured by the Governor's Office that they are in support of DNR's request. Then he stated he attended the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southeast Association meeting earlier in the week and asked for their help in getting coastal restoration on a national radar scope to help fix the coastal erosion problem. Staff from the Service

expressed concern on the oyster lawsuits. Chairman Gattle also stated the Governor's Office was in support of the moratorium and they would make every effort to remedy the liability problems. Commissioner Stone asked if the price of leases was set by the Legislature? Mr. Don Puckett stated the leases that are issued are on state-owned waterbottoms and the price is set statutorily at \$2 per acre.

Mr. Mitch Jurisich, an oyster farmer from Plaquemines Parish, stated there are several phases of coastal restoration. These include freshwater diversion projects, barrier island construction, rebuilding marsh, etc. The one being challenged in the courts is the freshwater diversion since it has a greater impact on a larger area. Mr. Jurisich stated the moratorium is killing their industry because they do not know whether they should continue building their leases or should they continue harvesting efforts. Mr. Jurisich stated they were not against the moratorium. But he did not agree with the letter from DNR and the Department's resolution and the fact they were not available for discussion during the Oyster Task Force meeting. There has not been enough time to receive comments from the industry or to develop a solution that could be presented. The last moratorium that was lifted, the fishermen all wanted to enhance their production so they applied for additional acreage and they knew they would have to stay outside of DNR's boundaries. With the new moratorium, all pre-existing applications will be frozen and some of these applications may occur within a boundary that an oysterman already has. Mr. Jurisich asked that the Department process the applications that already are in place. Again, Mr. Jurisich stated they support a moratorium on new applications for new oyster leases. The Oyster Task Force asked that the Commission table the issue until the next meeting. Chairman Gattle asked for someone to answer some of the questions Mr. Jurisich posed. Then he commented to Mr. Jurisich that this has been an ongoing problem and the Oyster Task Force knows this problem has existed for a long time. The fact Mr. Jurisich was not against the moratorium, Chairman Gattle expressed his appreciation to that fact. Mr. Hanchey stated there have been two lawsuits recently in which the local courts have certified classes to be eligible for damages which falls outside of any impacted area that DNR has identified. He then explained the process by which the map showing the impacted areas is coordinated with the Oyster Task Force. The problem is the courts have not restricted their judgements to the restricted areas and are awarding damages to oyster leases that are remote from the projects that have been built. Mrs. Foote understood that DNR was

requesting a moratorium on any new lease acreage and that would include the problem Mr. Jurisich spoke on. The Governor's Office letter reiterates the same, asking for a moratorium for new oyster leases. Mr. Jurisich stated the applications that are frozen are only waiting for signatures to make them legitimate. Some of these new areas are within boundaries that already exists, added Mr. Jurisich. He felt the poaching problems would increase. Again he asked that the leases that are already under application be issued since they were applied for before the moratorium. Commissioner Felterman asked how many existing applications are pending? Mrs. Foote stated there are 600 that includes new acreage. Commissioner Busbice asked if that was a normal number? Mr. Raymond Impastato answered yes.

Mrs. Carolyn Kass Falgout, President of the Louisiana Oyster Growers and Dealers Association, stated yes the leases are only \$2 per acre, but all that is being rented is the bottoms. The bottoms have to be built which includes a lot of struggling and hardships. She complained that they did not have any time to prepare for what was presented. Ms. Falgout felt this was being crammed onto the fishermen and they will not have the opportunity to respond and try to work out the problems. She asked for a little time so they could get together and work as a team to where it does not hurt the industry or fishermen.

Commissioner Stone stated it would appear for the protection of the state tax payer, the action of a few irresponsible oystermen will have an impact on everyone else, whether an oysterman or a tax payer. It is an emergency if this continues to expand at a cost of \$27,600 per acre. Chairman Gattle felt it was sad that a few bad apples will spoil the lot. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Gattle stated there was a request by DNR and supported by the Governor's Office in the form of a Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Mrs. Foote noted that if the Commission approved the Resolution, it would approve the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution, Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

MORATORIUM ON NEW OYSTER LEASES

March 7, 2002

WHEREAS, the Commission, pursuant to R.S. 56:6(10) shall, for the comprehensive control of shellfish, adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of R.S. 56.Part 1. and in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:422(A) provides that certain residents, firms and corporations may lease bedding grounds for the cultivation and propagation of oysters within any waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the state, upon terms and conditions and subject to the restrictions and regulations set forth therein, or under the authority which may be imposed by the Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries pursuant to R.S. 56:425(A) may lease state-owned waterbottoms and natural reefs in the waterbottoms of this state for the purpose of oyster cultivation, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may take possession of leased waterbottoms for default in payment of rent and lease them to the highest bidder pursuant to R.S. 56:429, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources has requested that the Commission place a moratorium on the issuance of new oyster leases for any waterbottoms not presently under lease as immediate action is essential to reduce the State's exposure to potential claims from oyster leaseholders and further, that failure to do so would pose an imminent peril to the coastal restoration program and to the Federal/State partnership which is critical to the efforts of the State to obtain comprehensive coast-wide restoration authorization and funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a moratorium on the issuance of oyster leases for any waterbottoms not presently under

lease as well as a moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications for any such acreage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission directs the Secretary to immediately cease the acceptance and processing of new oyster lease applications for any waterbottoms not presently under lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a moratorium on the auction of oyster leases taken for default in payment of rent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby exempt from this moratorium any applications for new leases selected by leaseholders who have previously selected the relocation option pursuant to R.S. 56:432.1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this moratorium will not apply to nor affect oyster lease renewals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, Notice of Intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent establishing a moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications for new acreage, and on the issuance of oyster leases for new acreage, and to establish a moratorium on the auction of oyster leases in default are attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429 and R.S. 56:432.1, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission declares an immediate moratorium on the issuance of oyster leases and on the taking of oyster lease applications for state waterbottoms not presently under lease. Continuation of issuance of new oyster leases would pose an imminent peril to the public welfare and requires adoption of a rule upon shorter notice than provided in R.S. 49:953.A, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following emergency rule. Adoption of this Declaration of Emergency is necessary, according to the Department of Natural Resources, inasmuch as immediate action is essential to reduce the State's exposure to potential claims from oyster leaseholders and further, that failure to do so would pose an imminent peril to the coastal restoration program and to the Federal/State partnership which is critical to the efforts of the State to obtain comprehensive coast-wide restoration authorization and funding.

This Declaration of Emergency will become effective on March 7, 2002, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§505. Oyster Lease Moratorium

A. A moratorium on the issuance of oyster leases for waterbottoms not presently under lease is established. This includes a moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications for waterbottoms not presently under lease. All pending applications will be held, along with all fees paid, pending a resolution of the moratorium, unless the applicant requests cancellation of the application and refund of fees. In the event of the death of an applicant, the applicant's heirs or legatees

should so notify the Department; and any lease ultimately issued shall only be issued to persons placed in possession of the application by Judgement of Possession or to a court-appointed administrator or executor on behalf of a deceased applicant's estate.

B. A moratorium is placed on the auction of oyster leases in default in payment of rent per LAC 76:VII.501.G, as authorized by R.S. 56:429.

C. Any leases selected by a leaseholder who has previously selected the relocation option pursuant to R.S. 56:432.1 shall be exempt from this moratorium but only to the extent of such previous selection.

D. At such time as the moratorium is lifted, applications for oyster leases will be accepted in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations and the procedures set out below:

1. One week prior to the date that the moratorium is lifted, the date, time and place where applications are to be taken will be publicly advertised.

2. On the date for taking of applications only one applicant at a time will be allowed in the office and this applicant will be allowed to take only one application. Each applicant will have 15 minutes to designate the area he wishes to apply for. After the applicant pays the application and survey fees, he may return to the end of the line for another application.

3. Applications will be taken 24 hours a day (on a first come basis) until the department feels the influx of applicants can be handled during regular office hours at the New Orleans Office, at which time anyone will be able to take an application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429, and R.S. 56:432.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 10:948 (November 1984), amended LR 28:

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Notice of Intent

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to repeal LAC 76:VII.500 relative to lifting the oyster lease moratorium and to amend and re-enact LAC 76:VII.505 relative to a moratorium on new oyster leases. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429, and R.S. 56:432.1. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

\$500. Lifting of Oyster Lease Moratorium

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and R.S. 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:808 (August 1991), repealed LR 28: .

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~~A. 1. Whereas, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was requested to consider the issue of those lease applications which were cancelled for failure to comply with a Commission rule requiring them to survey the application within the six month period after notification for which the applicant had executed a forfeiture agreement, and~~

~~Whereas, the following pertinent comments were pointed out at previous meetings of the Commission's Oyster and Shrimp Committee by memoranda and discussions and generally again today by Dr. Ford, Mr. Schafer, Mr. Ron Dugas or Mr. James Anyon:~~

~~a. that the original purpose of the "Moratorium on Applications" for oyster leases was to permit the Survey Section to~~

~~become reasonably current with many outstanding applications that were a number of years old,~~

~~_____ b. that much progress has been made,~~

~~_____ c. that achievement of a "current" operating basis was projected to be reached in the next 12 to 18 months provided field surveys continued to be completed at the current level or improved in quantity accomplished and could be executed,~~

~~_____ d. that the original and primary purpose of the "Partial lifting of the moratorium" on applications was to permit and encourage younger fishermen to get in the oyster business as oyster farmers by obtaining their own leases,~~

~~_____ e. that the original guidelines of six month's limitation was recommended and agreed upon by representatives of the oyster industry after much discussion,~~

~~_____ f. that we felt the opportunities extended by the Department were conducted fairly and reasonably in accordance with the provisions established by the Commission provided that there was no procrastination by the applicants,~~

~~_____ g. that every reasonable courtesy and consideration was extended by the staff,~~

~~_____ h. that any extension or reinstatement of this group of cancelled applications could have the very serious potential of setting the Survey Section back substantially in trying to achieve a current operating level since each private survey had to be examined and checked very carefully (some having been referred back to the private surveyors several times up to six times in one case, at least, for making corrections) and, finally,~~

~~_____ i. that these eight points and other constitute good and valid grounds for the staff recommending no further consideration without any prejudice towards any oyster farmers.~~

~~_____ Whereas, hearing a proposal submitted by the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, the Plaquemines Oyster Association, and the Terrebonne Parish Oyster Association.~~

~~_____ B. Now, therefore be it resolved, that those persons that had applications cancelled because of the failure to meet the six~~

~~month restriction would be allowed to reapply under the following rules.~~

~~1. Only the applicants whose applications were cancelled for failure to comply with the six month requirement could reapply.~~

~~a. The individual would have 15 days from receipt of a certified letter (return receipt) to re-apply. If no response, there shall be no further consideration for reinstatement of the application.~~

~~b. The reapplication would have to use the same description, in other words, the same area as the original application if still available and no more acreage but possibly encompassing less acreage; however, it would not supersede any existing applications or encompass leases which were surveyed after any prior cancellations.~~

~~c. The reapplication would have to be for not more than the acreage applied for in the cancelled application, however, it could be for less acreage.~~

~~d. The applicant would be required to pay an additional 20 percent of the basic application fee to cover the cost of administrative services, and this would be based on the acreage applied for.~~

~~e. The same applicant must apply, he or she can not change the name on the application, nor can the applicant be transferred to another person.~~

~~2. The applicant would then have six months from the date of the application to complete this survey.~~

~~3. The department's Survey Section would use a different prefix to distinguish these applications from those cancelled.~~

~~4. If the applicant fails to comply with any of the above rules, and the department's applicable rules and regulations for this program, the application will be cancelled and the application fee retained by the department.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429, and R.S. 56:432.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 10:948 (November 1984), amended LR 28: .

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **July 2002 Meeting** on Tuesday, July 2, 2002 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked for any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Marianne,

Please review
attached Minutes.

Thanks,

Susan Hawkins

3/15/2002

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

WATERLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 7, 2002

le, Jr. presiding.

Bill Busbice
Terry Denmon
Lee Felterman
Tom Kelly
Wayne Sagrera
Jerry Stone

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the **February 7, 2002 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for February** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during February.

Region I - Minden - 100 citations and 19 warning.

Region II - Monroe - 59 citations and 14 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 92 citations and 23 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 47 citations and 12 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 108 citations and 18 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 126 citations and 16 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 125 citations and 7 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 109 citations and 6 warnings.

Region IX - Schriever - 187 citations and 31 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 44 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 35 citations.

SWEP - 6 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 34 citations and 3 warnings.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 1,080. Also there were 149 warning citations issued statewide.

The aviation report for February 2002 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 45.7 hours for enforcement and 16.8 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued. A total of 14 hunter education courses were taught in February with 440 students receiving their certificates. Also, one Hunter Education Instructor and Coordinator's workshop was held as well as a workshop on turkey safety.

Mr. Jimmy Anthony began the next two agenda items, a **Notice of Intent - 2002-03 Resident Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits** and **Notice of Intent - Statewide Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations** with a slide presentation. The small game seasons will be basically the same with calendar adjustments from last year. Quail season dates will be from November 16-February 28 with the same bag and possession limits; rabbit season will be October 5-February 28; squirrel dates will be October 5-February 9; and pheasants would remain closed. Deer season dates for Area 1 are just calendar season adjustments. Deer Area 6 will see some drastic changes with bowhunting dates of November 1-February 2 and the rest of the season will be calendar adjustments. Mr. Anthony explained one reason for a later bowhunting season was that research showed 91 percent of the fawns are 2 months or less old in October. If the season was extended later into February, it would conflict with the late rabbit and squirrel seasons. Boundary changes for Area 6 including Terrebonne and Avoyelles Parish was then explained. Maps of these two parishes were shown. The proposed deer dates for the other areas are basically calendar adjustments from last year. Either-sex days statewide will be the same number of days except in the northwestern portion of the state where they will increase by 5 days due to the effects of the drought two years ago. Nutria season dates will be from September 1-February 28 but additional

restrictions would be added for hunting nutria on WMAs. Next Mr. Anthony talked about the WMA regulation changes. The first change dealt with the size of ATVs allowed and the restriction on tire size. All trails and roads on WMAs will be closed to ATVs from March 1-August 31 except for use at night by raccoon hunters during their season. Hunting guides and outfitters will not be able to operate on WMAs. Arkansas and Mississippi has a similar regulation. On WMA youth hunts, if the accompanying adult has been hunter education certified or has a hunting license, then the restriction for hunter education for that youth could be waived. Self-clearing permits were a success on the WMAs with 70 to 90 percent compliance. The Senate passed a resolution asking that campers be given 72 hours from the time they check in until they check out to complete a self-clearing permit. WMA seasons remain unchanged, but several areas will have increased opportunities. On Union and Lake Ramsey WMAs, a short squirrel dog season was added; a day or 2 of muzzleloader season was added for Sicily Island Hills, Bens Creek, Pearl River, Sandy Hollow, Tunica, Thistlewaite and Attakapas WMAs; and a few days of buck only hunting was added to areas in the lower Mississippi River valley area. Two special youth lottery hunts were added to Dewey Wills WMA and the Big Island area of Atchafalaya Delta. The waterfowl hunting opportunities at Red River WMA were increased by allowing hunting on the Yakey Tract on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Also the lottery deer hunt will end on Buckhorn WMA and this will allow for 2 days of either-sex hunting on Thanksgiving weekend. Plum Creek Timber Company has purchased lands in Morehouse Parish and requested the Georgia-Pacific WMA be changed to Plum Creek WMA. Kisatchie National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuges will have basic calendar adjustments to their seasons. Hunter orange requirements will be the same as for the state WMAs.

Mr. Tommy Prickett added, in Terrebonne Parish deer Area 7, there has been a problem between eastern hunters that are primarily still hunters and western hunters that are primarily dog hunters. When the season was adjusted last year to accommodate the western hunters, this made Terrebonne's season less desirable. So a decision was made to move a portion of the parish into deer Area 6 because of the late rut. Then Mr. Prickett stated the still hunting area in Avoyelles Parish has been this way for many years as well as on the WMAs and Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge. A group of hunters were in attendance to present a map of this area showing 100 percent support for still hunting only. Also additional biological surveys on National Forest lands will be conducted over the next several years hopefully leading to better

science-based recommendations for these lands. Chairman Gattle asked if the presentation covered both agenda items 4 and 5? Mr. Prickett stated there are two resolutions for action, one pertains to the permanent rules and regulations for the taking of resident game and WMA regulations, and the other resolution related to seasons and bag limits. Also, Mr. Prickett announced there would be a series of public hearings throughout the state on the Notices of Intent. Chairman Gattle reiterated these were Notices of Intent and there would be 120 days until ratification and there would be time to modify or change the proposals. He then asked that the language on taking quadrupeds with an aircraft is reviewed to see if the word "from" should be changed to "the use of an aircraft". Mr. Prickett stated this has been looked into and will seek what possibilities will be allowed as well as seeking legislative changes to tighten the precepts of taking wildlife with an aircraft. Also, Mr. Prickett commented the process for the hunting pamphlets will be changed this year such that a blue line draft will be developed by mid-May, then have a production copy at the printers the day the rules are ratified and hopefully get the pamphlets out in early August. Chairman Gattle stated he and Commissioner Denmon have been approached about the use of a 4-wheeler to assist in pulling a deer for those with heart or other health problems and asked that this be reviewed. Commissioner Denmon asked that some reasonable accommodation that can be enforced be added. Mr. Prickett stated staff would meet with Enforcement and look into the possibilities. He then explained the long history of ATV regulations. Commissioner Denmon stated he receives more calls on squirrel season and noted these hunters feel they are being squeezed out with the conflicts occurring during the deer season. Some squirrel hunters have suggested extending the season on the back end. Commissioner Denmon asked if there was a biological reason why the season is set as it is? Mr. Prickett commented they have recognized the numbers of deer hunters on the lands and they may be squeezing the small game hunters. The squirrel season has been extended three times over the last 5 or 6 years and may have gone as far as possible. Mr. Mike Olinde stated most squirrels breed in late December or early January. But the main concern is in the Florida parishes where there are subspecies and isolated populations. As the squirrel season is moved back, people are making comments about seeing fetuses. Then Commissioner Denmon asked if the prohibition on hunting guides and outfitters was to alleviate the reserving of areas for hunters or just working on WMAs in general? Mr. Prickett stated they began receiving comments from waterfowl hunters where competition for space is increasing on public lands. The real problem is that the public

does not want to compete with someone who is making their living to pursue a sport. All of the other southeastern states have been contacted on the issue of commercial guiding on their WMAs and most states that have waterfowl resources has such a prohibition. However, Texas has not taken any action. Chairman Gattle asked for clarification on the use of horses and mules on WMAs. Mr. Prickett stated the activity of riding horses was increasing throughout the State and Sandy Hollow WMA gets more user effort from horseback riding than any other form of recreation. Chairman Gattle asked about not extending the bowhunting season in Area 6 noting from the slide presentation it was due to the conflict with squirrel and rabbit hunters. Mr. Prickett explained the user conflict that may occur in Area 6. But he did state that biologically, they could not tell if extending the season would harm the deer population in Area 6. Commissioner Stone asked if moving back the bowhunting start date would not affect the small game hunters? Mr. Prickett answered no. Commissioner Busbice asked for an explanation for increasing the number of doe days in the northwestern portion of the State. Mr. Anthony stated Mr. Steve Hebert has seen a degradation in the deer herd health on DMAP lands and WMAs due mainly to the two years of drought. Mr. Dave Moreland added they did a deer collection on Barksdale and felt the does collected were not at a good body weight. The younger deer were at their right weights and with the good mast crop, the younger deer will move up and improvements should be seen. Commissioner Busbice stated he talked to a hunter from this area that killed a buck and when he grabbed the antlers, they came off. Chairman Gattle then opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Russell Lantier, speaking for the State Bowhunters Association, stated the situation in Area 6 has caused more buzz in the 10 years he has been doing this. He stated they would never argue with the biology that Mr. Moreland has discovered and they do support the shift of the bowhunting season from October 1 to November 1. But they strongly oppose the fact the recommendation does not extend the season to the end of February especially since there is no biological reason not to. This change results in the time a bowhunter can be in the woods without competition from the gun hunters from 6 weeks to 2 weeks. Mr. Lantier felt shop owners would join in the buzz when they found out about this change. Another point he made was that bowhunting is not incompatible with squirrel and rabbit hunting. The last point made was the Department has always advocated giving more hunter opportunities, but now the Bowhunters want to know what happened to that argument.

Mr. Roy Hendrick, a deer hunter in Area 6, congratulated the biologists in moving the season for the Basin, but felt they were only halfway right. He felt the second rut did not begin until the second week in February. Mr. Hendrick asked to be allowed to hunt the second rut possibly by moving the muzzleloader season another week or two.

Mr. Jonathan Woods, a member of BSBA, agreed with Mr. Lantier, but wanted to know what information conveyed that bucks should not be harvested 3 months before rutting. He suggested opening the bowhunting season October 1 for bucks only which would still protect the does.

Mr. Frank Perry, a sporting goods store owner in Baker, stated he has encouraged youth to participate in hunting for many years. Then he commented it will be difficult to sell \$500-\$1,000 worth of equipment to a person to participate in a sport that may be for 2 weeks. Mr. Perry asked the Commission to reconsider the bowhunting season.

Mr. Robert DeSoto, owner of two archery shops, stated he also has concerns on cutting the season. He has already received comments from bowhunters that if the first part of the season was cut out, they would just wait until the gun season. He asked that the season be extended into February. His biggest concern was on the impact to his business.

Mr. Edward Shertler, a bowhunter/landowner, supported Mr. Lantier in asking for the extension into February for the lost days. He felt both bowhunters and rabbit hunters could co-exist and it should be left to a landowner to determine whether he wants rabbit hunting or deer hunting on his property.

Mr. Michael Tyler, a member of a local archery club, stated they had a meeting and discussed this change. He asked, with their being no biological reason, that the season in Area 6 be extended into February.

Mr. Roland Dugas, a property owner in Areas 6 and 1, agreed with Mr. Lantier and hoped hunting would continue through February or at least a portion of it.

Mr. James Hubbs stated he did not know about the change for deer Area 6 until that morning. He agreed with putting off shooting does until the fawns were older, but feels the rabbit

season dates were squeezing out the hunters. Mr. Hubbs also stated archery hunters do not bother them when hunting. He questioned the opening of the modern gun season before muzzleloader season. Finally Mr. Hubbs expressed thanks for the effort in trying to get the hunting pamphlet to the hunters sooner than it has been.

Mr. Sidney Joffrion, a representative of 185,000 acres in Avoyelles Parish that is proposed for still hunting, commented they still hunt, but it is uncontrollable. When he was with Operation Game Thief, he received many calls about people running dogs and he would have to tell his caller the regulation could not be enforced. So Mr. Joffrion hoped his land would be made a still hunt only area. Also, he stated the School Board in Avoyelles Parish has adopted still hunting on their property and ATV tire size. A map was then presented that showed all of the clubs that wants still hunting. Finally, he felt there would be no problem in extending the bowhunting season.

Mr. Bilwood Smith stated he was glad to see the proposed rule for prohibiting commercial hunting guides. Over the last 4 or 5 years, there have been a number of out-of-state guides setting up operations on WMAs with about 10 people in their party and Louisiana does not receive any taxes or revenue from these activities.

Mr. Neil Smith stated he was on his annual crusade trying to get rid of deer hunting with dogs. He felt it was unfair to plant food and manage his land for deer and then someone put dogs on the fence line and runs the deer over and shoots them.

Mr. Chad Dauthier, President of the South Louisiana Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association, supported the moving back of the season dates. Also, they agreed with Mr. Lantier on the bowhunting season and would like to see it extended into February. Mr. Dauthier then expressed support for a proposal on deer tagging. Again they wanted to present the 6 point proposal for consideration and noted they have support from 84 percent of the landowners from the tri-parish area of Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge. A biological issue from last year may have been resolved by allowing the harvest of under 3 inch spikes and letting land managers take deer that may be inferior. Chairman Gattle stated there has been some discussion on quality deer management, but not by horn size. He felt Mr. Dave Moreland and Mr. Larry Savage are deer experts and knew there has been a strong thought process for the way management occurs in the state.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux asked with there being 28 or 29 less hunting days, will the license fees be reduced? He then asked for an extension of the season into February or have a bucks only season beginning October 1. With less hunting days, Mr. Thibodaux felt there would be less federal dollars Louisiana would receive.

Mr. Chad Dauthier added that Mr. Dave Moreland met with them last year and helped to formulate their plan and deemed it to be a good plan. Also he spoke with other biologists and they felt it would be a good plan too.

Mr. Tommy Prickett reminded the Commission the Quality Deer Management Association recommended a 6 point or better program in three parishes and staff gave a lengthy list of reasons why they should not go along with it. On the Big Game Survey, 86 percent of the deer hunters is interested in some form of quality deer management. But how to achieve it is where everyone differs. The staff's view of how to accomplish quality deer management on a statewide basis is different from how clubs are implementing it. A tagging proposal for both turkey and deer has been discussed and this could stop hunters from harvesting over the limit and could provide biological information that may result in expanding the either-sex seasons. The appropriate way to move toward quality deer management on a statewide basis is to not harvest such a high number of buck deer. Hopefully the Department will receive input on the concept of moving toward deer tagging from the public hearings, commented Mr. Prickett. Then he stated comments were made to have a bucks only season in October and one of the reasons for not having this option is the biological ramifications of taking bucks three months before the breeding season. He asked Mr. Dave Moreland to explain why this was not recommended. Mr. Moreland stated Mississippi State did research on their WMAs that showed a long bucks only season cut into their reproduction and created an extended breeding season for them. Thanksgiving has traditionally been the opening for the gun season and this has to be included in setting seasons. So, November 1 was the best scenario to open the bow season. Commissioner Busbice asked if the small landowners from the tri-parish area participated in DMAP program last year? Mr. Moreland stated some clubs did take advantage of this program, but the harvest data was just coming in. Commissioner Busbice asked what was Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama's bow season range? Mr. Moreland stated they were about the same.

Chairman Gattle asked the Commission if there was any action they wished to take and none were made. He then asked Mr. Anthony to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution on the resident hunting season dates and bag limits. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Anthony read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for statewide hunting and WMA rules. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sagraera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 7, 2002

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 7, 2002.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of

the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent & Declaration of Emergency - Moratorium on New Oyster Leases was handled by Mrs. Karen Foote. She began stating this item was on the agenda as a result of a request from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Secretary of DNR has asked a moratorium be placed on the issuance of new oyster leases for any waterbottoms not presently under lease. This is being done to reduce the State's exposure to potential claims from oyster leaseholders. Also, not placing a moratorium would cause imminent peril to the Coastal Restoration Program and to the federal/state partnership. The moratorium will also include the taking of oyster lease applications for any new acreage. This proposed action will place a moratorium on the auction of oyster leases taken for nonpayment of rent. The only exemption will be for those applications for new leases that have previously selected the relocation option. There are three leases that have chosen this option. Chairman Gattle asked if the leaseholders have chosen to move their beds to another location? Mrs. Foote answered yes. Commissioner Denmon asked if those leaseholders could apply for a new lease or just move their lease? Mrs. Foote stated their old lease would be dead and they would get acreage in an open area that is not covered under any coastal restoration impact area. The moratorium will not affect oyster lease renewals. Upon action by the Commission, the Department would stop turning pending applications for new acreage into a lease. However, the applications on hand would be kept in order for when the moratorium is lifted and the process can continue. The Notice of Intent states the same as the Declaration of Emergency but would eventually be ratified. Commissioner Stone asked if there was a projection on the length of the moratorium? Mrs. Foote stated, not at this time. Chairman Gattle asked if the moratorium could be lifted at any time? Commission action would be needed to lift the

moratorium, added Mrs. Foote. She then commented the proposed action includes the process for taking applications once the moratorium is lifted. Chairman Gattle asked Mrs. Foote to explain the Notice of Intent.

Chairman Gattle then asked DNR's Assistant Secretary Randy Hanchey to come forward and address the issue. Over the past several years, the State has been sued by large classes of oyster leaseholders for damages to their leases as a result of coastal restoration projects. This began several years after the opening of the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion project. One of the major purposes of the project was to improve productivity of oysters in the Breton Sound area. From data collected in this area, it has been confirmed that there has been a tremendous increase in productivity from the oyster leases. Consequently, some of the leases that were close to the structure were overfished and were damaged. The Federal Courts threw out the case, but the State Courts rendered a judgement against the project and this could cost the State between \$700 million to \$1 billion. The case has been appealed. Other suits have been filed, several of which have been heard and additional judgements have been issued against the State. The total judgements against the State well exceeds \$1 billion. Since this has occurred, the Governor has appointed a Committee to determine how the State can take the Coastal Restoration Program to a larger level and increase the resources. The Committee has recommended to the Governor the State find ways to raise funding that can be partnered with the Federal Government. One of the major issues in this partnership is the Federal Government has a concern with the liability the State has for the leases and the inability to resolve this issue. Mr. Hanchey then stated the objective of the request was to issue a moratorium to stop any further leasing so the problem does not get worse before it is determined how to solve the problem. The moratorium will also give the State the opportunity to determine if any changes in the leasing program should be made. It was felt the moratorium would have no impact on the industry and very little impact on oystermen. Mr. Hanchey then explained the exemption for the relocation for a leaseholder in the Davis Pond area.

Secretary Jenkins commented the Department has been assured by the Governor's Office that they are in support of DNR's request. Then he stated he attended the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southeast Association meeting earlier in the week and asked for their help in getting coastal restoration on a national radar scope to help fix the coastal erosion problem. Staff from the Service

expressed concern on the oyster lawsuits. Chairman Gattle also stated the Governor's Office was in support of the moratorium and they would make every effort to remedy the liability problems. Commissioner Stone asked if the price of leases was set by the Legislature? Mr. Don Puckett stated the leases that are issued are on state-owned waterbottoms and the price is set statutorily at \$2 per acre.

Mr. Mitch Jurisich, an oyster farmer from Plaquemines Parish, stated there are several phases of coastal restoration. These include freshwater diversion projects, barrier island construction, rebuilding marsh, etc. The one being challenged in the courts is the freshwater diversion since it has a greater impact on a larger area. Mr. Jurisich stated the moratorium is killing their industry because they do not know whether they should continue building their leases or should they continue harvesting efforts. Mr. Jurisich stated they were not against the moratorium. But he did not agree with the letter from DNR and the Department's resolution and the fact they were not available for discussion during the Oyster Task Force meeting. There has not been enough time to receive comments from the industry or to develop a solution that could be presented. The last moratorium that was lifted, the fishermen all wanted to enhance their production so they applied for additional acreage and they knew they would have to stay outside of DNR's boundaries. With the new moratorium, all pre-existing applications will be frozen and some of these applications may occur within a boundary that an oysterman already has. Mr. Jurisich asked that the Department process the applications that already are in place. Again, Mr. Jurisich stated they support a moratorium on new applications for new oyster leases. The Oyster Task Force asked that the Commission table the issue until the next meeting. Chairman Gattle asked for someone to answer some of the questions Mr. Jurisich posed. Then he commented to Mr. Jurisich that this has been an ongoing problem and the Oyster Task Force knows this problem has existed for a long time. The fact Mr. Jurisich was not against the moratorium, Chairman Gattle expressed his appreciation to that fact. Mr. Hanchey stated there have been two lawsuits recently in which the local courts have certified classes to be eligible for damages which falls outside of any impacted area that DNR has identified. He then explained the process by which the map showing the impacted areas is coordinated with the Oyster Task Force. The problem is the courts have not restricted their judgements to the restricted areas and are awarding damages to oyster leases that are remote from the projects that have been built. Mrs. Foote understood that DNR was

requesting a moratorium on any new lease acreage and that would include the problem Mr. Jurisich spoke on. The Governor's Office letter reiterates the same, asking for a moratorium for new oyster leases. Mr. Jurisich stated the applications that are frozen are only waiting for signatures to make them legitimate. Some of these new areas are within boundaries that already exists, added Mr. Jurisich. He felt the poaching problems would increase. Again he asked that the leases that are already under application be issued since they were applied for before the moratorium. Commissioner Feltermann asked how many existing applications are pending? Mrs. Foote stated there are 600 that includes new acreage. Commissioner Busbice asked if that was a normal number? Mr. Raymond Impastato answered yes.

Mrs. Carolyn Kass Falgout, President of the Louisiana Oyster Growers and Dealers Association, stated yes the leases are only \$2 per acre, but all that is being rented is the bottoms. The bottoms have to be built which includes a lot of struggling and hardships. She complained that they did not have any time to prepare for what was presented. Ms. Falgout felt this was being crammed onto the fishermen and they will not have the opportunity to respond and try to work out the problems. She asked for a little time so they could get together and work as a team to where it does not hurt the industry or fishermen.

Commissioner Stone stated it would appear for the protection of the state tax payer, the action of a few irresponsible oystermen will have an impact on everyone else, whether an oysterman or a tax payer. It is an emergency if this continues to expand at a cost of \$27,600 per acre. Chairman Gattle felt it was sad that a few bad apples will spoil the lot. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Gattle stated there was a request by DNR and supported by the Governor's Office in the form of a Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Mrs. Foote noted that if the Commission approved the Resolution, it would approve the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution, Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429, and R.S. 56:432.1.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **July 2002 Meeting** on Tuesday, July 2, 2002 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked for any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Panel suggests other changes at meeting

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While the controversial proposals to change season dates in the state's Deer Area 6 drew most of the attention at Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, there were a handful of other major items offered in the 2002-03 resident-game hunting and wildlife management area-regulations packages.

Two rule changes on WMAs included a call for a ban on commercial hunting operations utilizing any of the state's 1.4-million acres managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and a limit on the size of all-terrain vehicles allowed on the WMAs.



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Upland game biologist Mike Olinde explains the biology involved in setting the state's squirrel season at the LWFC meeting. At left is state Wildlife Division administrator Tom Prickett.

"We're getting more and more complaints from the public about running into commercial operations," Wildlife Division assistant Jimmy Anthony told the commission.

Division administrator Tom Prickett said most of the complaints came from hunters using state-owned areas near the mouth of the Mississippi River, notably the Pass a Loutre WMA and the Delta National Refuge. He said Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama wildlife managers already had similar complaints from hunters and have enacted rules to ban guides from using state-owned areas.

The ATV issue is more complicated: Years of manufacturers producing larger and larger four-wheelers are causing a problem on WMAs, Anthony said.

He broke down the regulations in three parts:

1. Defining an ATV as an "off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed 750 pounds, 85 inches long and 48 inches wide."

2. A restriction on tires larger than 25 x 12 with a 1-inch lug height and a 7 pounds-per-square-inch maximum pressure.
3. A prohibition on ATV use between March 1-Aug. 31 except on designated trails and except for raccoon hunters using trails at night.

Other proposals included:

- A boundary change that moves lands north of La. 182 and east of the Houma Navigation Canal in Terrebonne Parish from Deer Area 7 to Deer Area.
- Areas in Avoyelles Parish, except lands west of I-49 from Deer Area 1 to Deer Area 6
- A still-hunt-only season in Avoyelles Parish north of La. 1 from Simmesport west to La. 115 at Marksville and east of La. 115 from Marksville north to the Red River near Moncla, then south and west from the Red River to La. 1 near Simmesport.

Anthony said WMAs (Spring Bayou, Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge), which have still-hunt-only deer seasons, dominate the area, and landowners holding the other acreage have signed a petition to eliminate the use of dogs.

- Except for Deer Area 5, which has no either-sex (doe) days, "some parishes will get two more doe days and Bienville, Caddo, DeSoto, Red River and Webster parishes will have five additional doe days
- A clarification for the nutria season that during waterfowl seasons on WMAs, nutria can be taken by shotguns only and "with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel." It further stipulates that during the gun seasons for deer on WMAs "anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a hunter orange cap or hat."
- For youth deer hunts on WMAs, each youngster 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. If the adult has a hunter safety-course certificate, a valid hunting license or "proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course," the requirement of a hunter safety certificate will be waived for the youngster.
- A modification for the self-clearing permit regulation for WMA use that went into effect during the 2001-02 season. The proposed rule reads: "The checkout portion (of the permit) must be carried by each person while on the WMA and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a camp."
- The addition of special lottery youth hunts in restricted areas of Dewey Wills and Big Island in the Atchafalaya Delta WMAs
- To end the lottery hunt and increased duck and goose hunting days to allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on the Yakey Tract at Red River WMA

- Change the name of the Georgia-Pacific WMA to Plum Creek WMA after Georgia Pacific sold the land.
- Add squirrel dog seasons on Union and Lake Ramsey WMAs.
- Open more days for muzzleloaders on seven WMAs including Tunica Hills, Thistlethwaite, Sandy Hollow and Attakapas WMAs, and more days for gun hunters on seven WMAs in the Lower Mississippi River Valley area.

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Dramatic changes in season proposal upset bowhunters

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Five weeks after their season ended, archery hunters in the Baton Rouge area believe they are facing another tough season.

This one isn't in the woods or fields, and involves neither bows nor arrows.

At Thursday's meeting, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposed 2002-03 deer, squirrel, rabbit, quail, pheasant and nutria seasons.

The proposal contains the most dramatic shift of a season in nearly 20 years. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries plans a Nov. 1 to Feb. 2 archery season in Area 6, which is all or parts of 21 parishes in southeastern Louisiana. Other bowhunters have seasons of Sept. 15-Jan. 15 or Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

"We take issue with losing a month on the front end of the season, and we'd like to see a month on the back end," Bayou State Bowhunters spokesman Russell Lantier told the commission.

State Wildlife Division administrator Tom Prickett said Feb. 2 -- the same day the Area 6 modern firearms season ends -- was proposed to give squirrel and rabbit hunters days without deer hunters in the woods at the end of their respective Feb. 9 and Feb. 28 ending dates. Oct. 5 is the proposed squirrel and rabbit seasons opening date.

"Bowhunting is not incompatible with squirrel and rabbit hunters," Lantier said.

Lantier said bowhunting groups and state wildlife decision-makers have hashed out the conflicts with small-game hunters in the past.



Advocate staff photo by Patrick Dennis
Bayou State Bowhunters spokesman Russell Lantier tells the LWFC Thursday that the proposed 2002-03 archery season on deer in the Baton Rouge area is insufficient for bow hunters.

He said BSBA is worried that cutting Area 6's archery season from six weeks to two weeks "could mean the extinction of the archery season in a vast area."

Bowhunters say they have the best chances at taking a deer before and after modern firearms seasons.

"And over the past decade, there have been intrusions into the archery season," Lantier said, noting the expansion by as much as two weeks of muzzleloader-only seasons. "We've cried foul, but the LDWF said it wanted to give hunters more opportunity. OK, then where is that answer now? That same answer ought to be applied to us now."

A steady stream of other hunters echoed Lantier's fears and demands during the meeting's next 30 minutes.

The Area 6 changes came after an LDWF study showed a later deer-breeding pattern than other areas of the state.

Wildlife biologist Jimmy Anthony said the study found spotted fawns with does during October and that hunting pressure on those does -- archery season allows taking both bucks and does -- could endanger the survival of the fawns. Most biologists believe that when a fawn loses its spots, it is capable of feeding on its own.

The seven-man commission accepted the proposed seasons for resident game and rules and regulations governing seasons and use of state-owned and operated wildlife management areas by unanimous votes.

The notices of intent for these two items come with 120-day public-comment period.

Prickett announced a series of public hearings for later this month:

- 7 p.m., March 12, Concordia Parish Community Center, Ferriday
- 7 p.m., March 14, Elmer E. Lyons Auditorium, Covington High School, Covington
- 7 p.m., March 14, East Houma Bingo Hall, Houma
- 7 p.m., March 18, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston
- 6:30 p.m., March 19, Minden Civic Center, Minden
- 7 p.m., March 19, Alexandria Convention Center, Alexandria
- 7 p.m., March 20, Chalkley Room, Burton Coliseum, Lake Charles

Public comment will be taken during the LWFC's 10 a.m. meetings on April 4, May 2 and June 6 at Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters on Quail Drive.

Prickett said written statements will be taken through May 7. Written comments should be addressed to Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Though not as dramatic, changes are proposed to muzzleloader-only and modern firearms seasons.

During the past decade, muzzleloader hunting preceded the modern firearms season by one week with an additional week in late January after the modern firearms season ended on the third Sunday of the month.

Other proposed Area 6 deer-hunting dates include modern firearms/still-hunt-only season for Nov. 23-Dec. 8, a muzzleloader-only period from Dec. 9-20, and a modern firearms/with or without dogs season from Dec. 21-Feb. 2.

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Thinking about what wasn't said

Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting was as interesting for what wasn't said by biologists and as for what was said by them.

In past years, the early March announcement of the next hunting season dates was a formality. Sure, there was some tweaking in dates and area boundaries, but all hunters waited to see were the dates and bag limits.

Not this year. After Thursday, deer hunters have lots to chew on before the archery season opens in six months.

The dramatic season changes proposed for Area 6 deer hunters (not to mention the deer!) are big news, if only because the area includes tens of thousands of acres and tens of thousands of deer hunters around the Capital City.

What wasn't outlined -- for the record -- was another plan state wildlife folks have been working on for a couple of years -- a tagging system for deer and deer hunters.

Sometime last Monday the proposal was shelved when Department of Wildlife and Fisheries attorney Don Puckett told the wildlife staff that, in his opinion, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission didn't have the power to establish a tagging system; that the Legislature would have to tackle the issue.

"It would have been the biggest change in deer management in this state in 30 years," Wildlife Division Chief Tom Prickett said. "The reason we're talking about it is to alert hunters and the Legislature that we will go ahead with a tagging program in the (2003) Legislative session."

Turkey tagging is also being considered.

There's nothing set in stone yet, but it looks like the hunters will still be allowed six deer per season, but will be allowed to take only two or three bucks among those six. Some or all of the tags will have to be reported to the LDWF. The state has no tagging program now.

"Our polls indicate that 86 percent of those who hunt deer (in Louisiana) favor or are interested in some form of quality deer management," Prickett said.

Apparently our state biologists believe tagging will accomplish that end. Prickett said enforcement of the six bucks per season is a minor part of the scheme, and that improving the biologists' deer data is a more important factor.

He also explained that limiting the number of bucks allowed in a season limit will keep more bucks in the state's fields, forests and swamps. He said the majority of the bucks taken by state hunters are year-and-a-half old deer, which means a tagging limit will "move a greater percentage of bucks every year into an older age class."

That's likely true, but truer is that hunters will have lots to think about during the spring and summer, and keep hunting camps busier than any spring, summer and early fall in a long, long time.

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LWFC issues moratorium on new oyster leases

Facing court judgments a state official said could reach \$1 billion, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission voted to institute an immediate and indefinite moratorium on issuing new oyster leases along state-owned water bottoms.

The unanimous vote by the seven-man commission includes an estimated 600 lease applications in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Baton Rouge headquarters.

It's the second time the LWFC has stopped issuing licenses. The first ran from July 1996 until June 1998.

In both instances, the move was taken to head off potential losses to the state in suits filed by oystermen in Plaquemines, St. Bernard and Jefferson parishes.

Although the state has appealed each time, oyster fishermen in three court cases have been awarded \$566 million. Another suit is scheduled to be heard March 14.

In all cases, the suits are the result of damage oystermen claim the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion Project has on their leases east of the Mississippi River south of New Orleans.

All four cases involve as many as 125 oyster operations and take in nearly 40,000 acres.

Oysters survive best in brackish-water areas. Too much fresh water or too much salt water decreases the productivity of the oyster beds.

"In two recent suits, the courts have certified classes (of oyster fishermen) that fall outside the areas we believed were affected -- the impact areas -- of the freshwater diversion project," Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Assistant Secretary Randy Hanchey said. "The problem is the courts have not recognized that."

The two most recent court decisions, both from Judge Manny Fernandez in St. Bernard Parish, awarded oystermen \$227 million and \$291 million. The first case, decided by a Plaquemines Parish jury, awarded \$48

million.

"(The two recent suits) are in the Breton Sound area, which is hydrogically disconnected with the Caernarvon Project," Hanchey said. "That's why we are here today asking for a coastwide (license) moratorium."

While the diversion projects are overseen by DNR in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities, oyster leases are managed by the Wildlife and Fisheries Department.

Oyster leases run for 15 years, are limited to 1,000 acres per applicant and cost \$2 per acre.

Hanchey said the moratorium is needed in light of a new freshwater diversion project, Davis Pond, scheduled to be dedicated later this month. Davis Pond will divert water into Barataria Bay.

The issue, which was not posted on the LWFC's agenda, came at the behest of DNR Secretary Jack Caldwell and was endorsed by Gov. Mike Foster.

Caldwell's letter, dated Thursday, asked LDWF secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. and the commission to take the action.

Caldwell mentioned the issue of broadening the areas "subject to damage claims ..." and said that despite legislation "... intended to address the oyster damage claims problem, such as statutes which authorized restricted term leases, operation leases and indemnity clauses, some oyster lease holders continue to challenge these statutes in court."

Oyster fishermen filed similar suits against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates Caernarvon, but the suits were thrown out in federal court. Federal judges said the oystermen knew freshwater projects were in the works when they applied for and signed the leases.

Plaquemines Parish oyster fisherman Mitch Jurisich, a State Oyster Task Force member, asked the LWFC to reconsider the moratorium on existing applications. He said he has applications on file for acreage inside extant lease areas.

"We found out about this Monday night, and the task force met Tuesday," Jurisich said. "That's not enough time. It's a real problem throwing this on us without us being able to review it."

He said he had no problem with the moratorium when it came to applications for new leases.

Carolyn Koss Falgout of the Louisiana Oyster Growers and Dealers

Association took up where Jurisich ended.

She said DNR, the LDWF and the LWFC were rushing the issue.

"We had no idea this was being proposed today," Falgout said. "You try to cram this on us ... and because of a few oystermen in court are hurting everyone in the business. You need to give us time to work this out."

LDWF Assistant Secretary John Roussel said recently an average harvest takes 9-13 million pounds of oysters from Louisiana waters. He said leases produce about half of the harvest, and public reefs, open to the anyone, yield the other half for a value of \$260 million to the state.

The LWFC's action came in the form of a Declaration of Emergency, which put the moratorium in place immediately. The commission also passed a Notice of Intent, which allows for 120 days of public comment. Final ratification is set for the LWFC's July 2 meeting.

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Changes recommended in Area 6 deer hunting

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Deer hunters in the parishes surrounding Baton Rouge will face the biggest changes proposed for deer seasons in more than a decade when they take to the woods and swamps for the 2002-03 hunting season.

Acting on biological data from a years-long study, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' biologists recommended a one-month shift in the opening date of the archery season -- from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 -- and, for the first time ever, extended the modern firearms season into February 2003.

The announcement was part of the overall package of dates and bag limits proposed for the 2002-03 seasons on resident game -- deer, squirrels, rabbits, quail, pheasant and nutria -- for consideration by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Public comment will be accepted on the proposals through the end of June. Final ratification is set for the LWFC's July 2 meeting.

Other major changes outlined for the next hunting season included a call for a ban on commercial hunting operations on state-owned or operated wildlife management areas and for a new set of rules limiting the size of all-terrain vehicles on WMAs.

Other notable proposals call for boundary changes in deer hunting areas in Terrebonne and Avoyelles parishes; the addition of two and, in some cases, five more doe-hunting days in several parishes; and, clarification of the use of self-clearing permits on WMAs.

The other seven deer hunting areas have proposed dates similar to the 2001-02 season.

By comparing the recently concluded season and the one proposed, Area 6 hunters are facing an Nov. 1-Feb. 2 archery season, a Nov. 23-Dec. 8 still-hunt only period, a Dec. 9-20 muzzleloader season and Dec. 21-Feb. 2 hunts with or without dogs. Respective 2001-02 seasons were Oct. 1-Jan. 31 for bow hunters, Nov. 10-16 and Jan. 21-27 for muzzleloaders, then Nov. 17-Dec 2 still-hunt only and Dec. 8-Jan. 20 with or without dogs seasons.

The Area 6 moves were made for two reasons, LDWF's Jimmy Anthony told the LWFC at its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday.

Anthony said studies have found a late rutting season throughout Area 6, which takes in all or parts of Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Pla-quemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and West Baton Rouge parishes.

The area also includes Orleans Parish, where deer hunting is prohibited.

The late breeding season means that archery hunters have been seeing does with spotted fawns during October.

LDWF assistant secretary Phil Bowman said state biologists found that 91 percent of the fawns are two months old or less on Oct. 1, "...and taking a doe with fawns more than likely means that the fawns will not survive."

Other data indicated the first rutting period comes in January and a secondary rut in February. Both occur long after deer in the other seven areas have finished the breeding season.

The biggest objection to the Area 6 season came from Bayou State Bowhunters Association spokesman Russell Lantier.

"We have always been good stewards of our responsibility, and have never argued with biology," Lantier said. "We support the shift but we take issue with losing a month on the front of the season and we'd like to see a month added on the back end."

Anthony said the Wildlife and Fisheries was hesitant to carry the archery season deeper into February because it might interfere with the last days of the squirrel and rabbit seasons.

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Sosa-Bonds d

By The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — This little desert dustup between Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa isn't blowing away quite yet.

Certainly not after a bit of playful back-and-forth between the sluggers about Bonds' home run record suddenly turned personal.

"I thought he was a good person, but now I have to believe the negative things said about him by his teammates are true," Sosa barbed.

Ouch!

Said Bonds: "I don't know what made him burst out like that."

Now it's not close to a blood feud, not like the severe sniping Ken Griffey Jr. is taking from ex-Reds during spring training.

Sosa brushed aside a question about Bonds on Thursday, as if it was no big deal.

Best for Bonds and Sosa, they'll

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soon get a chance to put it away for good. On Monday the San Francisco Giants play the Chicago Cubs at HoHoKam Park.

Most likely, Bonds will make a 20-minute trip to Mesa, and settle their differences — or real — with either a public or private discussion.

"I love Sammy, Sosa," Bonds said.

The media misconstrued Bonds' comments, though, that developed between Bonds and Mark McGwire during the chase for Roger Maris' record. Bonds said he would be duplicated if Bonds and McGwire duel this season.

The odd thing about the Sosa flap is that unlike other feuds — Roger Clemens and Pedro Martinez, Yogi Berra and Steinbrenner, among the

Proposed hunting seasons and bag limits

The 2002-2003 season dates and bag limits proposed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Thursday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting:

Hunting Hours - One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Nutria - Sept. 1, 2002-Feb. 28, 2003. No daily bag limit.

Pheasant - Season closed.

Quail - Nov. 16, 2002-Feb. 28, 2003. Daily limit 10. Possession limit 20 after opening day.

Rabbit - Oct. 5, 2002-Feb. 28, 2003. Daily limit 8. Possession limit 16 after opening day.

Squirrel - Oct. 5, 2002-Feb. 9, 2003. Daily limit 8. Possession limit 16 after opening day.

Deer

The state is divided into eight deer hunting areas. Archery and muzzleloader seasons are either-sex seasons, except for muzzleloader seasons in Area 5, which are bucks-only seasons. Daily limit is one antlered deer per day, except on either-sex (doe) days when the limit is one antlered deer and one antlerless deer per day when legal on private lands. Season limit is 6.

Area 1 - Archery: Oct. 1, 2002-Jan. 31, 2003; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 16-22, 2002 & Jan. 18-26, 2003; Modern firearms: Nov. 23-Dec. 6, 2002 (still-hunt only), Dec. 7, 2002-Jan. 5, 2003 (with or without dogs) & Jan. 6-17, 2003 (still-hunt only).

Area 2 - Archery: Oct. 1, 2002-Jan. 31, 2003; Muzzleloader only: Oct. 26-Nov. 1, 2002 & Jan. 11-19, 2003; Modern firearms: Nov. 2-Dec. 6, 2002 (still-hunt only) & Dec. 7, 2002-Jan. 10, 2003 (with or without dogs).

Area 3 - Archery: Sept. 14, 2002-Jan. 15, 2003; Muzzleloader only: Oct. 5-11, 2002 & Dec. 2-6, 2002; Modern firearms: Oct. 12-Dec. 1, 2002 (still-hunt only) & Dec. 7, 2002-Jan. 1, 2003 (still-hunt only).

Area 4 - Archery: Oct. 1, 2002-Jan. 31, 2003; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 9-15, 2002 & Jan. 11-19, 2003; Modern firearms: Nov. 16, 2002-Jan. 10, 2003 (still-hunt only).

Area 5 - Archery: Oct. 1, 2002-Jan. 31, 2003; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 16-22, 2002 & Jan. 11-19, 2003 (bucks only); Modern firearms: Nov. 23-Dec. 1, 2002 (still-hunt only).

Area 6 - Archery: Nov. 1, 2002-Feb. 2, 2003; Muzzleloader only: Dec. 9-20, 2002; Modern firearms: Nov. 23, 2002-Dec. 8, 2002 (still-hunt only) & Dec. 21, 2002-Feb. 2, 2003 (with or without dogs).

Area 7 - Archery: Oct. 1, 2002-Jan. 31, 2003; Muzzleloader only: Oct. 12-18, 2002 & Nov. 9-15, 2002; Modern firearms: Oct. 19-Nov. 8, 2002 (still-hunt only), Nov. 16-Dec. 1, 2002 (still-hunt only) & Dec. 2, 2002-Jan. 1, 2003 (with or without dogs).

Area 8 - Archery: Sept. 14, 2002-Jan. 15, 2003; Muzzleloader only: Oct. 5-11, 2002 & Dec. 2-6, 2002; Modern firearms: Oct. 12-Dec. 1, 2002 (still-hunt only) & Dec. 7, 2002-Jan. 1, 2003 (with or without dogs).

Advocate graphic

Changes recommended in Area 6 deer hunting

By JOE MACALUSO

Advocate outdoors writer

Deer hunters in the parishes surrounding Baton Rouge, known as Area 6, will face the biggest changes proposed for deer seasons in more than a decade when they take to the

10-16 and Jan. 21-27 for muzzleloaders, then Nov. 17-Dec. 2 still-hunt only and Dec. 8-Jan. 20 with or without dogs seasons.

The Area 6 moves were made for two reasons. LDWF's Jimmy Anthony told the LWFC at its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday

EXHIBITION GLANCE

Major League Baseball			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Anaheim	5	1	.833
Minnesota	7	4	.636
Oakland	5	3	.625
Texas	5	3	.625
Boston	4	3	.571
Kansas City	4	3	.571
Cleveland	5	4	.556
Tampa Bay	3	3	.500
Detroit	4	5	.444
New York	4	5	.444
Seattle	3	4	.429
Toronto	3	4	.429
Baltimore	2	5	.286
Chicago	2	5	.286

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Montreal	5	1	.833
Colorado	5	2	.714
Houston	5	2	.714
St. Louis	5	2	.714
Arizona	5	3	.625
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500
San Francisco	4	4	.500
Atlanta	3	4	.429
New York	3	4	.429
Philadelphia	3	4	.429
San Diego	3	4	.429
Milwaukee	3	5	.375
Florida	2	4	.333
Los Angeles	2	4	.333
Chicago	2	5	.286
Cincinnati	2	7	.222

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Wednesday's Games

Houston 8, Detroit 1
Minnesota 12, Atlanta 10
NY Yankees 6, Texas 4
Boston 8, Pittsburgh 1
Toronto 3, Cincinnati 1
Montreal 2, Philadelphia 0
Cleveland 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Florida (ss) 4, Los Angeles 2
St. Louis 5, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 7, Tampa Bay 5
Anaheim 5, Seattle 3

Toronto.....000 012 00
Iraju, Miceli (4); Seanez (6); Morer Cordero (9) and Borders; Mosquera Cooper (3); Heredia (6); Bowles (7), M (9) and Fletcher; Werth (7).

Iraju struggled in the first inning but seven batters to win his second straight. Texas He allowed one hit, striking out three batters, all in the first inning. Verso two hits for the Blue Jays.

At Kissimmee, Fla.
Cleveland.....004 000 02
Atlanta.....100 000 00
Drese, Risko (4); Smith (6); Vargas and Diaz; Malden (6); Maddux, Holme Remlinger (7); Lichtenberg (8); Spooner Lopez, Perez (5); W-Drese; L-M Cleveland, Aven (1); Thome (2); Allant.

Bruce Aven and Jim Thome each hit to back the five-hit pitching of Ryan Indians relievers. Drese won his first spring; Wes Helms went 2-for-3 for the his second homer of the spring.

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Boston.....010 000
Baltimore.....000 000
(7 innings, rain)
Burkett, Henry (4); Drumright (7); Morcedes (6); Erickson, Maduro (4) HR-Baltimore; Conine (1).

Jeff Conine's first home run of the season of the seventh helped lift the Oriol with the Red Sox. In a game short innings by rain; John Burkett pitched innings for the Red Sox.

At Kissimmee, Fla.
Los Angeles.....000 002 00
Houston.....001 110 00
Nomo, Drosco (4); Roque (5); Ovar (7); Corey (8) and LoDuca; Hill (6); Mathews (6); Pichardo (7); Nikowski (6) and Chavez; Tienie (7); W-Miller. 1 Lineback.

Wade Miller pitched four scoreless

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, March 7, 2002
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Tom Gattle (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Bill Busbice	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Wayne Sagrera	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Terry Denmon	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Lee Felterman	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

AGENDA

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BATON ROUGE, LA

March 7, 2002

10:00 AM

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

FEBRUARY 2002

REGION 1:MINDEN
18 Agent positions

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER

TOTAL CASES	100
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
20	Boating
38	Angling W/O Resident License
8	Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident
10	Fishing W/O A Resident Cane Pole License
3	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Purchase Game Fish
4	Caddo Lake – Yo-Yo Regulations
1	Hunt W/O A Resident License
1	Hunt W/Unplugged Gun
2	Possession FBA W/O A License
1	Trap or Sell FBA W/O Resident License
4	Not Abiding By Rules & Regs On WMA
3	Criminal Damage To State Property
3	Littering
1	Fail To Comply With Federal Permit Regulations

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
19	
15	Boating Safety
4	Angling W/O A Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
19 yo-yo's; 1 gray fox hide; 6 black bass; 1 bobcat mount; 9 mallards, 6 wood ducks, 7 teal, 5 pintail, 2 mergansers, 1 widgeon, and 1 white front goose, 3 snow geese, 1 bufflehead and 1 gadwall; 1 fiberglass fishing pole; 5 rod & reel combos; 15 fox squirrels; 1 hog; 2 resident fishing licenses; 53 white bass.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
20	Boating
9	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
64	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
19	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE
20 Agent positions

**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
 LINCOLN, MOREHOUSE
 QUACHITA, RICHLAND
 UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	59
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	DWI (Vehicle)
15	Boating
23	Angle Without A Resident License
2	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements
3	Criminal Mischief
1	Angle Without Non-Resident License
1	Hunt Without Resident License
1	No Recreational Cane Pole License
1	Littering
2	Take Undersized Commercial Fish
2	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
2	Hunt Deer From Public Road
2	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	Violate National Wildlife Refuge Regulations

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 14	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA
1	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
2	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
4	Angle Without License
4	Fail To Display Valid Decal

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2- rods and reels, 50 lbs. undersize catfish and 1 rifle.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
15	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
26	Recreational Fishing
8	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance (Assisting stranded Motorists and Boaters)

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA**PARISHES: AVOUELLES, GRANT****26 Agent positions****NATCHITOCHES****RAPIDES, SABINE****VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	92
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
38	Boating
1	Possess Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
2	Hunt Deer Closed Season
2	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
2	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
2	Hunt From Public Road
1	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer License (Non-Resident)
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Fail To Mark Nets On Black Lake
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer License
1	Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
27	Angling W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations (State Lacey)

1	Theft By Fraud
1	Littering
1	Possession Of Wild Quadrapeds/Birds W/O A Permit
4	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Resisting Arrest
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 23	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Boating
9	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Possess Undersize Gamefish (Black Bass)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 rabbit, 114.93 lbs. shrimp destroyed 1 doe deer, 1 rifle, and 1 shotgun.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
38	Boating
5	Commercial Fishing

0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
29	Recreational Fishing
11	State Hunting/Trapping
23	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4:FERRIDAY
24 Agent positions

PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA
CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS

TOTAL CASES	47
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Boating
7	Angling W/O A Resident License
3	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
2	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
2	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
3	Take Undersize Catfish With Wire Net
1	Failure To Tag Nets
2	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
10	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
2	Littering
1	Obtain License By Fraud

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	12	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5		Angling W/O A License
6		Boating
1		Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
714 Crappie; 54 Bream; 84 Catfish; 3 Bass; 1 Deer; 50 lbs Acorns; 2 Hoop nets; 1 Boat; 1 outboard motor; 1 boat trailer.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Boating
13	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
13	Recreational Fishing
10	State Hunting/Trapping
12	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES
23 Agent positions

PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,
CAMERON, ACADIA,
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS

TOTAL CASES	108
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
32	Boating
40	Angling W/O A License
4	Angling W/O A License Non. Resident
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	CML Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License
1	CML Fresh Product Licensee, Fail To Report Or Maintain Records
2	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
2	Failure To Maintain Records
1	Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
1	Poss. Of Buckshots During Closed Deer Season
1	Take Rabbits Illegal Method
1	Littering
1	Illegal Poss. Of Drugs Or Marijuana
1	Obtain License By Fraud
2	Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp

2	Hunting MGB From A Vehicle
3	Using Leadshot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
3	Hunting MGB W/Electronic Calling Device
3	Hunting Geese Closed Season
3	Hunting MGB W/O State Stamp
1	Hunting MGB W/O State Hntg. License
2	Hunting MGB From Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 18	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Angling W/O A License
1	No Boat Numbers
1	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
1	Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal
4	Improper Boat Numbers
5	Failure To Comply W/PFD Requirements
4	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 rock cocaine; 1 wooden trap; 1 electronic caller; 1 goose tape; 5 shells; 1 fishing license; 4 rods; 4 reels; 2 sacks oysters rtw; 4 oyster tags; 1 bass rtw; 14 geese donated.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
32	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing
19	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
45	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
18	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 6:OPELOUSAS
24 Agent positions

**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
 PT.COUPÉE,LAFAYETTE
 ST.MARTIN,IBERIA
 IBERVILLE,W.B.R.**

TOTAL CASES	126
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
36	Boating
30	Angling W/O License
2	Hunting W/O Resident License
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
4	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs
1	Overlimit Of Coots
1	Wanton Waste
1	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
8	Take Rabbits By Mashing Weeds
1	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
2	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
2	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
4	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

2	Littering
8	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
1	Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
2	Violate Recreational Gear License Regulations
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Hunt Geese Closed Season
2	Hunt Geese W/O a Federal Duck Stamp
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules/Regulations
1	Use Illegal Mesh Net
1	Hunt With Unplugged Gun

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 16	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating
6	Angling W/O License
6	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations
1	Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 doe deer, 13 doe tags and records, 30 coots, 1 wooden trap, 4 rod and reels, 12 black bass, 1 gill net, 4 specklebellies, 1 outboard motor.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
36	Boating
14	Commercial Fishing
6	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
44	Recreational Fishing
16	State Hunting/Trapping
16	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 7:BATON ROUGE**22 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	125
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
24	Boating
39	Angling W/O Basic Res. License
6	Angling W/O Basic Non-Res. License
5	Angling W/O Pole License
2	Hunting W/O Basic Res. License
4	Hunting W/Un-Plugged Shotgun
2	Possess Wild Quadrupeds W/O Permit
7	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
7	Hunt Deer From Public Road
7	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
2	Failure To Wear Hunters Orange
1	Criminal Trespass
2	Use W.M.A W/O Stamp Or License
6	Violate Rules And Regulations Of W.M.A.
2	Allow Another To Use Recreational License (Fishing)

3	Sell Seafood W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
1	No Retail Seafood License
1	No Commercial Gear License
3	Transport Seafood W/O Required License
1	Sell F.B.A. W/O License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 7	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Baiting
4	Angling W/O Res. License
1	Not Abiding by Rules and Regulations Of W.M.A.

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
3 deer, 2 rifles, 2 shotguns, and 2 Q Beams.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
24	Boating
8	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
52	Recreational Fishing
39	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance Stranded Motorist

REGION 8:NEW ORLEANS
18 Agent positions

PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON
ST. CHARLES

TOTAL CASES	109
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
23	Boating
18	Angling W/O A Resident License
4	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Fail to Have Fish Intact(Finfish)
1	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum
2	Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
3	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
2	Commission Rules and Regs.(Misc.) Grouper
1	Commission Rules and Regs.(Misc.) Snapper
2	Take/Poss. O/L Spotted Seatrout(On Water)
4	Take or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bail Species W/O Comm. Lic.
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.
3	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
2	Fail to Maintain Records
1	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman

12	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
1	Possess Wild Quadrupeds W/O A Lic.
1	Failure to Abide By Commission Rules
3	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
1	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
1	Take Deer Closed Season
2	Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
1	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
2	Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
4	Rallying MGB
1	Transport Completely Dressed MGB
2	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
1	Hunting Woodcocks Closed Season
1	Criminal Trespass
1	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
1	Flight From an Officer
3	Take Federal Controlled Fish in Closed Season
1	Misrepresent Booking Info

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 6	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O A Resident License
2	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
2	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Returned to Water....crabs(70 lbs + 8)...oyster sacks(129) Destroyed...Rabbits(9) Donated...Assorted Fillets(28 lbs.)...Goo(2)...Sheephead(3)...Flounder(4)...White Trout(3)...Croaker(24)...Spotted Seatrout(32)...Gag Grouper(6)...Woodcock(1)...Black Drum(15)...Ducks(2)...MGB(8)...Drake Pintail(1)...Red Snapper(47)...Speckled Trout(47)...Redfish(1) Hardware Confiscated....Crab Traps(2)...Rod and Reel(2)...Gillnet(2)...Vessel(2)...Yamaha Motor(1)...Fuel Tank(1)...Battery(2)...Shotgun(1)...Fanny pack(1)...Shotgun Shells(24)...Headlamp(1)...Mangrove Snapper(7)...Coots(14)...Lesser Scaup(1)...Buck(1)...Ice Chest(2)...12 gauge slug gun(1)...Poles(2)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
23	Boating
26	Commercial Fishing
13	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
34	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
6	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER**25 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	187
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
36	Boating
55	Angling Without A License
1	Fish Without Resident Pole License
6	Angling Without A License Non-Resident
2	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
14	Angling Without Saltwater License
5	Angling Without Saltwater License Non-Resident
7	Take O/L Black Drum Recreational
13	Take Undersized Red Drum
10	Take Undersized Black Drum Recreational
2	Take Game Fish Illegally (Hoop Net)
1	Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water)
4	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Hoop Net)
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Oyster Harvester)

2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crab Trap)
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
1	Take Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License (Captains Only)
7	Use Illegal Length Nets Freshwater (Gill Nets)
3	Failure To Mark Nets (Freshwater)
2	Failure To Have Written Permission (Oyster Lease)
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
2	Fail To Cull Oysters In Proper Location
1	Hunting With Unplugged Gun
2	Possess Squirrels Closed Season
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9 (Improper Log Book)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 31	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
18	Boating
5	Angling Without A License
7	Angling Without Saltwater License
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
13 sac-a-lait, 67 fish various species, 71 black drum, 30 red drum, 97 sacks oysters, 50 lbs crabs, 150 lbs shad, 3 squirrels, 4 boats and motors (paper seizure), 3 gill nets (1200 ft), one oyster log book.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
36	Boating
27	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
120	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
31	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	44
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Boating
13	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off State Water Bottoms
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off Private Lease
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial License
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License In Possession
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License In Possession
2	Take Or Possess Oysters W/O A Harvester Oyster License In Possession
2	Violate Sanitary Code-Improper Log Sheet Chapter 9
1	Angling W/O A Basic License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non Resident
2	Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum Non Resident
3	Angling W/O A Basic License Resident
3	Angling W/O A Saltwater License Resident

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
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CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
265 sacks of oysters.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Boating
23	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
10	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
8 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	35
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Violate Commission Rules And Regs. Red Snapper Over The Limit
1	Violate Commission Rules And Regs. Red No Federal Permit
4	Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License
9	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Dealer
1	Fail To Mark Containerized Oysters
1	Possession Of Untagged Oysters Over 10%
6	Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations
1	Driving W/O Operator License
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
350 lbs. of red snapper donated, 2 gasper goo donated, 3 sheephead donated, 4 flounder donated, 3 white trout and 24 croaker donated.....4 pints of oysters destroyed, 6 quarts of oysters destroyed, and 2 ½ sacks of oysters destroyed.....487 lbs. of red snapper, 71 lbs. of vermillion snapper, 41 lbs. of almaco jack, 37 lbs. of red porgy, 26 lbs. of barjack, and 3 lbs. of hake all sold for \$1,708.60....	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
34	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	14
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Violate Commission Rules And Regs. Undersize Grouper
2	Angling W/O A License
5	Take Federally Controlled Fish Closed Season Red Snapper
5	Take Federally Controlled Fish Undersize Red Snapper

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
6 gag grouper, 84 red snapper.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
2	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

**NOTE: 61 RUNNING HOURS
80 BOATS CHECKED**

REFUGE PATROL
8 Agent positions

MARSH ISLAND,
ROCKEFELLER, STATE
WILDLIFE

TOTAL CASES	34
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Boating
3	Angle W/O A Basic License
8	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
2	Possess Undersize Black Drum
2	Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Black Drum
1	Fail To Have Written Permission
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off Of A Private Lease
5	Take Federally Controlled Fish Red Snapper Closed Season
5	Take Undersize Federally Controlled Fish Red Snapper

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 3	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Improper Boat Numbers
1	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher
1	No Sound Producing Device

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
14 black drum donated, 496 blue crabs returned-to-water, and 84 red snapper.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
18	Miscellaneous
7	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
3	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance Assisted Stranded Boaters

TOTAL CASES -1080

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =149

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
FEBRUARY, 2002

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 19.3

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 40.0

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 3.2

Enforcement Hours - 45.7

Other Divisions - 16.8

Total Plane Use - 62.5

MONTHLY REPORT
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION - HUNTER EDUCATION SECTION
FEBURARY 2002

	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Total
Total Hunter Education Courses Taught Statewide									14
Total Students Certified Statewide in Hunter Education									440
Number Hunter Education Courses Taught by Volunteers	2	2	0	2	3	1	0	1	11
Number Hunter Education Courses Taught by Coordinators	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Number Hunter Education Courses Assisted by Coordinator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*1
Number Hunter Education Students Certified by Region	89	117	0	65	97	45	0	27	440
Bowhunter Education Courses Taught by Region	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number Bowhunter Education Students Certified by Region	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number Hunter Education Instructors Courses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number Hunter Education Instructors Certified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

All coordinators participated in a volunteer in-service workshop - 110 people
** - Also included a workshop on turkey hunting.*

To whom it may concern,

I am a Louisiana resident, and have enjoyed hunting for many years in this state. I enjoy hunting deer, rabbit, squirrel, and birds. I especially enjoy small game hunting. I am deeply troubled by the fact that, the wildlife and fisheries is thinking about moving the deer season to a later date in the year. Small game hunters only have about five weeks to hunt now.

As you know, about 95% of all hunting clubs will not allow any other kind of hunting, during deer season, not even during the splits.

Deer season is already too long. Other hunters need a

chance to hunt too. Everytime
deer season is extended, it
pushes small game hunters
out of the woods. It is time
to stop, and give small game
hunters a chance.

I am pleading with you
to keep the season the way
it is now.

Do not allow deer hunting
to destroy all other game
hunting.

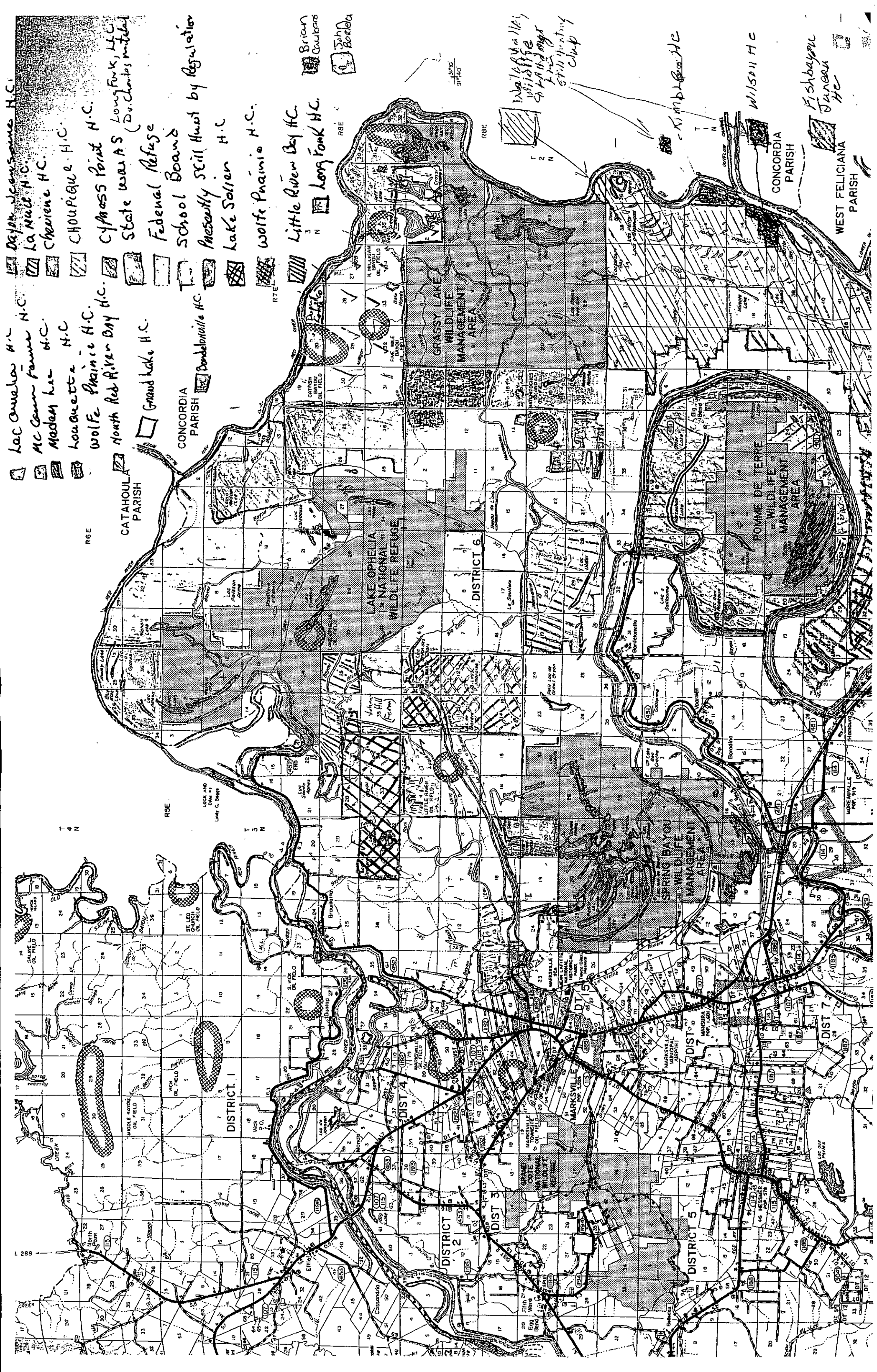
Sincerely

Paul J. Cribbs

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4326 Idleville Rd.

Clinton, La 70722



Deer Tagging, Harvest, and Management, Southeastern States

Alabama- No buck limit, no tagging, use harvest survey method to determine kill, Hunters Choice days, DMAP is available but not emphasized; hunters appear to be not very happy with the present management program and are looking to QDM for help.

Arkansas- Two buck limit, antler restrictions, management by zones, doe days, mandatory deer check, high hunter satisfaction with present management program.

Florida- No private management, two deer a day, antler restrictions on some wmas, check deer only on wmas, doe days; QDM success stories about private lands have been published in several journals. Most of the state work is directed on wmas.

Georgia- Two buck limit, bag limit of eight, check stations and telephone survey, did away with mailout survey because they didn't think the numbers were correct, doe days, QDM in several counties and on some wmas.

Kentucky- One buck limit, POS licenses and mandatory validation, must validate by 9am the next day, validation number recorded on license of hunter, antlerless tags in some counties, full antlerless seasons in some counties and no limit.

Maryland- Buck limits by zones, 4 deer with gun, bow, or muzzleloader (12 deer limit), mandatory check stations, doe days and antlerless permits for some counties.

Mississippi- Three antlered bucks, antler restrictions, presently use harvest survey to determine kill, going to telecheck with mandatory validation, doe days- full season in some counties, 80% hunter satisfaction with present program, 3 ½ year old buck harvest increased from 3,000 to 5,000 on DMAP lands.

Missouri- Tags, quota limits for various units, mandatory check station validation, doe days- some are antlerless only days in some units.

North Carolina- System similar to South Carolina, telephone survey and check stations and occasional mail out survey. Reduced buck limit in part of state from four to two, doe days and DMAP.

South Carolina- Hunter deer tags, game zones management with varying limits for zones, some have no buck limit, some have 5 buck limit; doe days and two tagging programs for private lands, \$700,000 generated from sale of antlerless deer tags for hunters hunting on lands not enrolled in DMAP, harvest phone survey.

Tennessee- Went from an 11 buck limit to two buck limit, recently increased to three at the urging of one Commission member, POS and validation through POS; management units and doe days.

Texas- Two or three buck limit except for special tags to harvest additional bucks; a new one buck limit with antler restrictions in several counties (spikes; 12 points; or 13" inside); deer tags but no validation, harvest survey to determine kill; doe days and several antlerless permit programs.

Virginia- Two or three buck limit, county management, mandatory check stations, either-sex days on a county basis.

West Virginia- Manage on a county system, two or three buck limit, 3" antler law, mandatory check stations, doe days, some are antlerless only days.

Estimated deer harvest assuming 20% of male harvest is button bucks. These values reflect extrapolations based on 7,785 deer hunter responses to the Department's annual harvest surveys for 1997-98, 1998-99, and 1999-00.

Average 1997-99 Harvest				
Antlered Bucks	Button Bucks	Total Bucks	Does	Total Harvest
126,636	31,659	158,295	101,205	259,500
Revised Harvest Based on 2 Male Tags (includes Button Bucks)				
100,160	25,040	125,200	101,205	226,405
<i>Reduction in Harvest</i>				
20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	0.0%	12.8%
Revised Harvest Based on 2 Antlered Tags (excludes Button Bucks)				
100,160	31,659	131,819	101,205	233,024
<i>Reduction in Harvest</i>				
20.9%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	10.2%
Revised Harvest Based on 3 Male Tags (includes Button Bucks)				
116,046	29,011	145,057	101,205	246,262
<i>Reduction in Harvest</i>				
8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	0.0%	5.1%
Revised Harvest Based on 3 Antlered Tags (excludes Button Bucks)				
116,046	31,659	147,705	101,205	248,910
<i>Reduction in Harvest</i>				
8.4%	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	4.1%

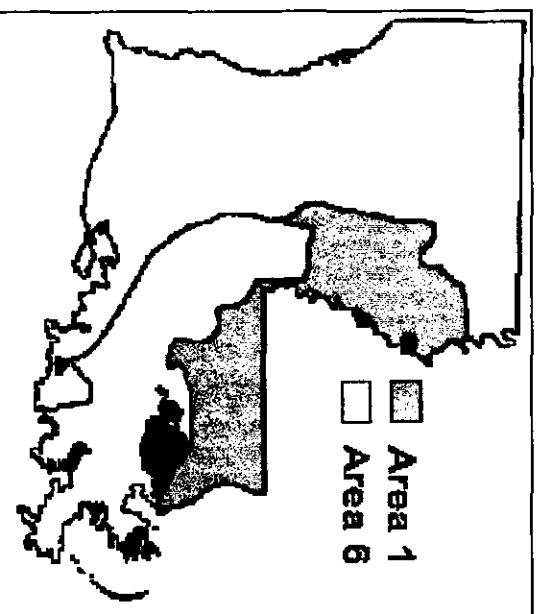
2002-2003 Proposed Resident Small Game and Deer Regulations

Quail	Nov 16-Feb 28	10	20
Redbird	Oct 5-Feb 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct 5-Feb 9	8	16
Pheasants	Closed		



Proposed Deer Hunting Seasons

1	Oct 1-Jan 31	Nov 16-Nov 22 Jan 18- Jan 26	Nov 23-Dec 6 Jan 6- Jan 17	Dec 7-Jan 5
6	Nov 1-Feb 2	Dec 9-Dec 20	Nov 23-Dec 8	Dec 21-Feb. 2



Area 6 Season Change

Delay opening of Archery Season due to Late Rut.

1. 91% of fawns are 2 months old or less in October.
2. More breeding occurs in Feb. than Dec.
3. Biologically unsound to harvest bucks 3 months before rut.
4. Late rabbit w/ beagle season could conflict with later archery season if extended into Feb.

Area 6 Boundary Changes

Terrebonne: That portion north of LA 182 and east of Houma Navigation Canal moves to Area 6 from Area 7.

This portion of Terrebone Parish has a much later rut.

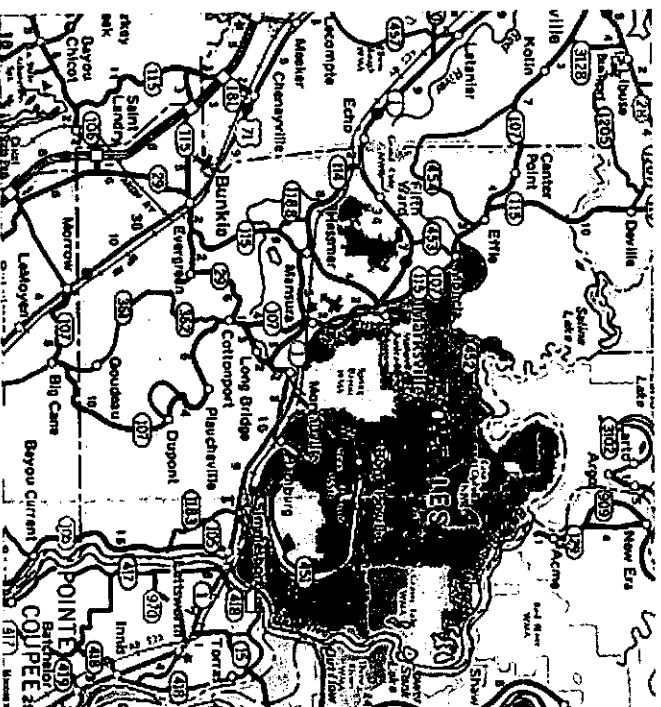
Avoyelles: All except that portion west of I-49 moves from Area 1. Also a much later rut.

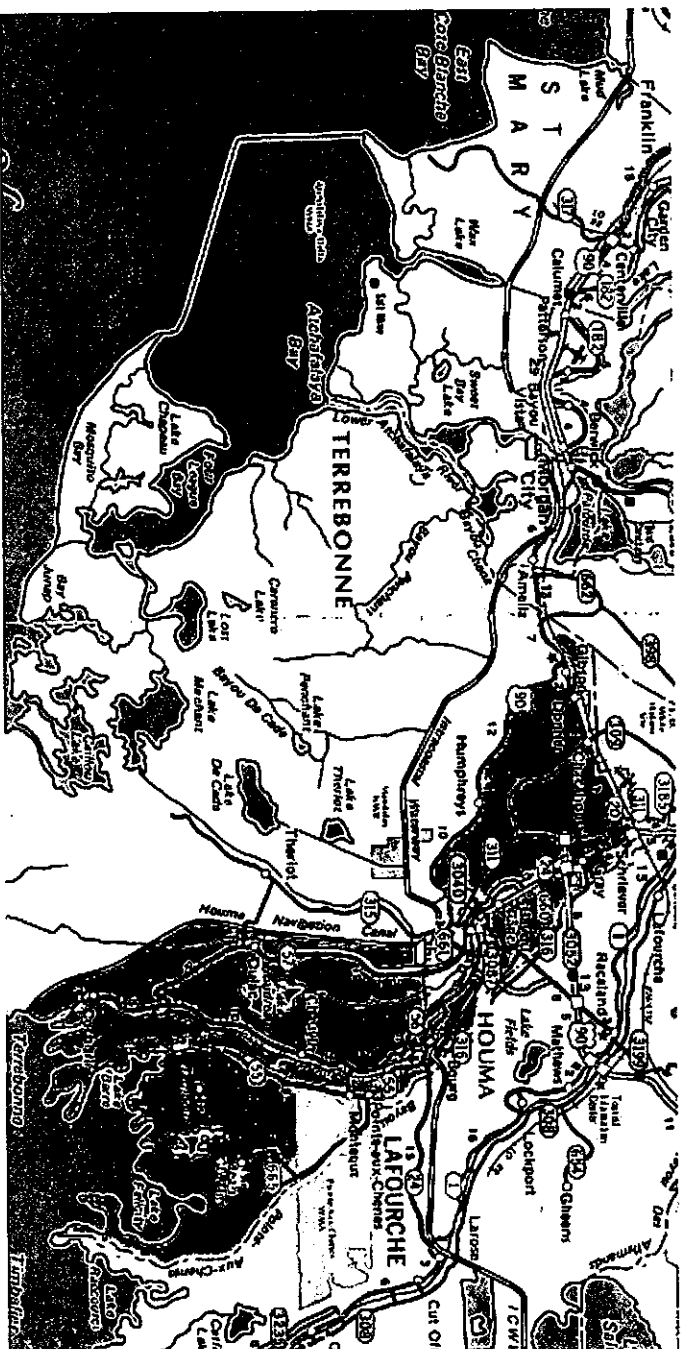
Still Hunting Only in Avoyelles in that portion North of

LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at

Marksville, east to LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport. Most of this area is public lands (Spring Bayou, Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre WMAs, and Lake Opehlia NWR.

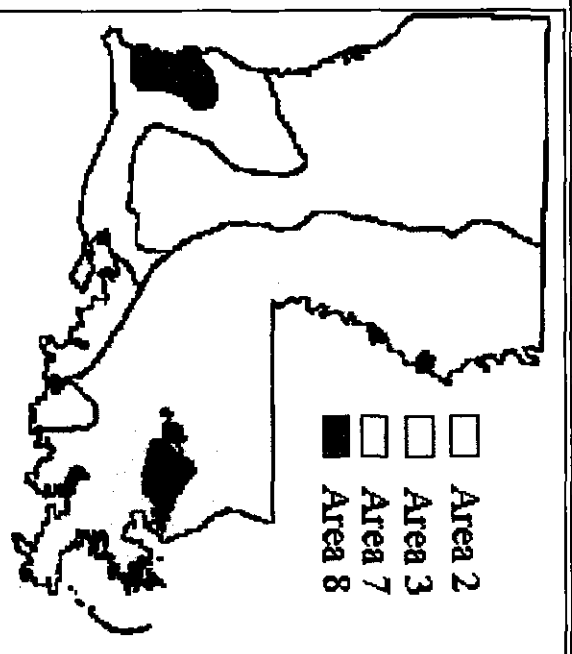
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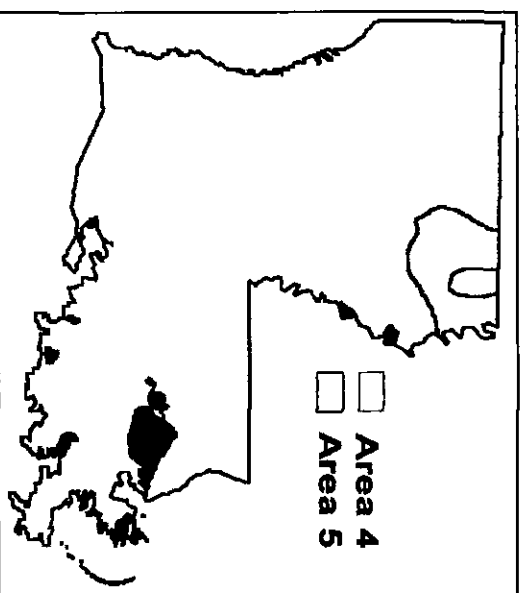
Proposed Deer Hunting Seasons

Area	Location	Season	Season	Season
2	Oct 1-Jan 31	Oct 26-Nov 1 Jan 11-Jan 19	Nov 2-Dec 6	Dec 7-Jan 10
3	Sep 14-Jan 15	Oct 5-Oct 11 Dec 2-Dec 6	Oct 12-Dec 1 Dec 7-Jan 1	
7	Oct 1-Jan 31	Oct 12-Oct 18 Nov 9-Nov 15	Oct 19-Nov 8 Nov 16-Dec 1	Dec 2-Jan 1
8	Sep 14-Jan 15	Oct 5-Oct 11 Dec 2-Dec 6	Oct 12-Dec 1	Dec 7-Jan 1



Proposed Deer Hunting Seasons

4	Oct 1-Jan 31	Nov 9-Nov 15 Jan 11-Jan 19	Nov 16-Jan 10	
5	Oct 1-Jan 31	Nov 16-Nov 22 Jan 11-Jan 19 (Bucks Only)	Nov 23-Dec 1	



1	7-13	5	0
2	9-22	6	7-11
3	7-21	7	11
4	5-13	8	19

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- Only changes are some parishes will have 2 more days due to an extra weekend before the late Thanksgiving weekend, EXCEPT the Northwestern Parishes of Area 2 (Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Red River, and Webster) which will increase by 5 days.

Sex Days

Clarifications in Wording

Nutria: On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally from Sept. 1-Feb. 28 during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with no limit. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel and during the gun deer seasons anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of “Hunter Orange” and wear a “Hunter Orange” cap or hat.

WMA Regulations

ATVs

ATV: (definition): An All Terrain Vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: **weight:** 750 lbs.; **length:** 85"; and **width:** 48".

ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25x12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

ATVs are prohibited from March 1-Aug. 31 EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail and designated on WMA maps. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons.

Hunting Guides/Outfitters

No person or group of persons may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

WMA Youth Deer Hunts

Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completions of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older.

If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth.

Self-Clearing Permits

The **CHECK OUT** portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and **MUST** be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a camp.

WMA Seasons

Add Squirrel dog seasons on Union and Lake Ramsey WMAs

Improve muzzleloader opportunities on Sicily Island Hills,
Bens Creek, Pearl River, Sandy Hollow, Tunica Hills
Thistlethwaite, and Attakapas WMAs.

Improve gun deer hunting opportunities on Boise-Vernon,
West Bay, Attakapas, Thistlethwaite, Jackson-Bienville,
Boeuf, Sicily Island Hills and all LMRV areas

WMA Seasons (cont.)

Add Special Lottery Youth Hunt in Restricted Area of Dewey Wills WMA, and Big Island of Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

Increase waterfowl hunting opportunities at Red River WMA.

End lottery on Yakey Tract and allow hunting on Tues.

Thurs. and Sat.

Increase deer hunting opportunities on Buckhorn WMA.

End lottery

WMA Name Change

Georgia Pacific WMA will now be
known as Plum Creek WMA

Kisatchie National Forest

Basic Calendar Adjustments for all seasons. Same number of still hunting and dog hunting days.

Hunter orange requirements will now be the same as WMAs.

National Wildlife Refuges

Basic Calendar Adjustments for all seasons. But some additional opportunities on some refuges.

Questions & Comments

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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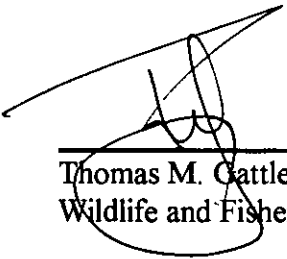
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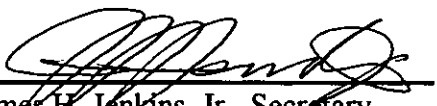
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The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2002-2003 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2002-2003

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 16-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 5-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 5-Feb. 9	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season (Only 2 may be legal bucks)

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 16-Nov. 22 Jan. 18-Jan. 26	Nov. 23-Dec. 6 Jan. 6-Jan. 17	Dec. 7-Jan. 5
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 26-Nov. 1 Jan. 11-Jan. 19	Nov. 2-Dec. 6	Dec. 7-Jan. 10
3	Sept. 14- Jan. 15	Oct. 5-Oct. 11 Dec. 2-Dec. 6	Oct. 12-Dec. 1 Dec. 7-Jan. 1	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 9-Nov. 15 Jan. 11-Jan. 19	Nov. 16-Jan. 10	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 16-Nov. 22 Jan. 11-Jan. 19 Bucks Only	Nov. 23-Dec. 1	
6	Nov. 1- Feb. 2	Dec. 9-Dec. 20	Nov. 23-Dec. 8	Dec. 21-Feb. 2
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 12-Oct. 18 Nov. 9-Nov. 15	Oct. 19-Nov. 8 Nov. 16-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Jan. 1
8	Sept. 14- Jan. 15	Oct. 5-Oct. 11 Dec. 2-Dec. 6	Oct. 12-Dec. 1	Dec. 7-Jan. 1

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 8: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Ascension	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
Assumption	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
Avoyelles	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
Beauregard	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 8: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Bienville	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Bossier	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Caddo	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Calcasieu	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 8: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Caldwell	Nov. 2-3, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Cameron	Oct. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Claiborne	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Concordia	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22
DeSoto	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
East Carroll	Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison parish line.
	Nov. 16-17, 29-30, Dec. 1 the remainder of the parish.

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
East Feliciana	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Franklin	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30 Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
	Area 7: Oct. 19-20, Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Iberville	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Jackson	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Jefferson	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Lafourche	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Lincoln	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Livingston	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Madison	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 4: Nov. 16-17, 29-30, Dec. 1
Natchitoches	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 4: Nov. 16-17, 29-30, Dec. 1
Plaquemines	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
Red River	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Richland	Nov. 16-17, 29-30, Dec. 1
Sabine	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
St. Bernard	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. Charles	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. Helena	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. James	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. John	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 12-13, Nov. 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 21-22
St. Martin	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
	Area 7: Oct. 19-20, Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
St. Tammany	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Tangipahoa	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Tensas	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22
Terrebonne	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
	Area 7: Oct. 19-20, Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Union	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Vermillion	Oct. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 3: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
	Area 8: Oct. 19-20, 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
Washington	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
Webster	Nov. 2-10, 16-17, 23-30, Dec. 1, 7-8
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Area 1: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15
	Area 6: Nov. 23-24, 27-30, Dec. 1, 21-22, 28-29
Winn	Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations:
Region 1 - March 19, 6:30 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 18, 7:00 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 19, 7:00 PM, Alexandria Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 12, 7:00 PM, Concordia Parish Community Center, Ferriday, Louisiana; Region

5 - March 20, 7:00 PM, Burton Coliseum, Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 14, 7:00 PM, East Houma Bingo Hall, Houma, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 14, 7:00 PM, Elmer E. Lyons Auditorium, Covington High School, Covington, Louisiana. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until Tuesday, May 7, 2002 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

**2002-2003 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
HUNTING SCHEDULES**

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 8,158 Acres, Region 3):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Bucks only: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 26-27, Nov. 9-10, either-sex. All deer must be brought to weigh station.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 26-27, Nov. 9-10.

Waterfowl: Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires **EXCEPT** in recreational areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 141,912 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit required only when specified.

Big Island: All hunting activities **CLOSED** from Dec. 16-Jan. 10.

Deer:

Youth Lottery Deer Hunt: Dec. 27-28, Jan. 2-3, On Big Island only, either-sex, daily permit. Call New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery only: Oct. 12-Dec. 15 and Jan. 11-Jan. 31, on Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Self Clearing permit required. Permits available from Main Delta campground and Cul-de-sac on Big Island.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** shooting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** rabbit hunting without beagles allowed from Jan. 11-31. No hunting in restricted areas.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 12-Feb. 28.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 25,730 Acres, Region 6):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8.

Bucks only: Dec. 21-Jan. 5.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 14-20, either-sex.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 25-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned - 6,919 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Lottery Hunt: Nov. 23-24, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application Lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8 either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 23-24. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

All night activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned - 2,212 Acres, Region 1):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing **EXCEPT** archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31. Either-sex.

Archery hunting is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Entire area **CLOSED** for waterfowl hunting.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,113 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 9-10, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

Deer:

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Nov. 9-10, either-sex.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Dec. 7-Jan. 5

Muzzleloader: Jan. 6-Jan. 24.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT Closed Nov. 9-10 and Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 25-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

7. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Department Owned - 899 Acres, Region 2):

Self-Clearing Permit not required.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

8. BIG LAKE (Department Owned - 19,231 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30.

Bucks only: Dec. 1 and Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-30, and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

9. BILOXI (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 39,583 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permits not required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

10. BODCAU (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 34,355 Acres, Region 1):

Deer: Nov. 2-Dec. 8.

Either-sex: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, Nov. 23-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs

allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: (Daytime) Oct. 5-Feb. 9.

(Nighttime) Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

11. BOEUF (Department Owned - 50,971 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Nov. 2-3, to all EXCEPT for Youth Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 2-3. Either-sex.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30.

Bucks only: Dec. 1, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 4-8. Either sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 2-3, Nov. 29-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Mourning dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

12. BOISE-VERNON (Owner - Boise-Cascade Company - 55,672 Acres. Region 5):

Area Closed: Oct. 19-20, to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 19-20, Either sex.

Either-sex: Oct. 26-27.

Bucks only: Oct. 28-Nov. 28, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 19-20, Oct 26-27, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 4-Feb. 9. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

13. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 9,817 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30.

Bucks only: Dec. 1, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Mourning dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p. m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Region 3):

Daily military clearance is required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Region III Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit.

Area Closed: Sept. 28-29, to all **EXCEPT** youth hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Sept. 28-29, either-sex. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Bucks only: Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-15, either-sex. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station on Dec. 7-8 only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Sept. 28-29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

15. DEWEY W. WILLS (Department Owned - 60,276 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed: Nov. 2-3, to all **EXCEPT** youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer:

Special Handicapped Season: Nov. 2-3, either-sex. That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 2-3, either-sex. That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

Special Youth Lottery: Dec. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22. Either-sex. Contact Region 3 Office (318-487-5885)

for details and applications.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30. All deer harvested must be brought to weigh station.

Bucks only: Dec. 1, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 4-10, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 2-3, Nov. 29-30. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed from Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26.

May 1-Sept. 27, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Nighttime Chase only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free ranging livestock **EXCEPT** hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north of LA Hwy. 28.

16. ELM HALL (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29.

Bucks only: Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-15.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

No ATVs allowed.

17. FORT POLK (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/.

Deer:

Bucks only: Oct. 26-Nov. 28.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Bucks only: Dec. 9-13.

Either-sex: Dec. 14-15.

Bucks only: Dec. 16-20.

Either-sex: Dec. 21-22.

Bucks only: Dec. 23-Jan. 1.

Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal Sept. 14-Jan. 14. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when Bucks-Only gun season is in progress.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8, Dec. 14-15, Dec. 21-22. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 4-Feb. 19.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 14-Jan. 1.

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

GEORGIA-PACIFIC WMA - see #31, Plum Creek WMA

18. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned - 12,983 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30.

Bucks only: Dec. 1 and Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 4-10, either-sex.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, — Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted **EXCEPT** on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs per boat or group daily.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

19. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Willamette Industries, et. al. - 32,460 Acres, Region 1):

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods, roads and trails.

Area Closed (portion): Oct. 19-20, on designated

portions. Closed to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer:

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 19-20, for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. Self clearing permits are also required.

Note: Daily Permits for the Nov. 2-3 either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2.

Either-sex: Nov. 2-3, daily permit.

Nov. 23-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8, self-clearing.

Bucks only: Dec. 2-6, 9-Jan. 1.

All deer and hogs harvested Nov. 23-24, 29-Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the days listed.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 19-20 (portion) and Nov. 2-3. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan 11-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Raccoon (Daytime): Oct. 5-Feb. 9. **(Nighttime):** Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

20. JOYCE (Department Owned - 15,059 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

21. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned - 786 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit required only when specified. Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. All

nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Deer: Archery only. Nov. 1-Feb. 2. Self-clearing permit required. Permits available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA Hwy. 308.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Feb. 28.

22. LAKE RAMSEY (Department Owned - 800 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Archery only, Oct 1-Jan 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

23. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned - 3840 Acres, Region 3):

Deer:

Bucks only: Nov. 2-10.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-13, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26.

May 1-Sept. 27, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Nighttime Chase only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during take season only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28.

24. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned - 4,085, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-2,353 Acres, Region 1).

Deer:

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, either-sex.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11- Feb. 9.

25. MANCHAC (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Archery Only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

26. MAUREPAS SWAMP (Department Owned - 61,950 acres, Region 7):

Deer: Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Dec. 21-Jan. 5.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 6-12.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

27. OUACHITA (Department Owned - 8,746 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed: Oct. 19-20 to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during duck season including early teal season.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt Oct. 19-20, either-sex.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Dec. 14-Jan. 1.

Waterfowl: South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 19-20, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, EXCEPT for the Pintail Alley area. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 26-27, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Sept. 30-Oct. 13, Oct. 26-Nov. 17, Jan. 18-Feb. 2. Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: CLOSED.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

28. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned - 110,491 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit required only when specified.

Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Deer: Archery only, Nov. 1-Feb. 2. Either-sex, self-clearing permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside. Self-clearing permit required for rabbit hunting. Beagles allowed only when archery season is closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Nov. 1-Feb. 28. Self-clearing permits required.

Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass,

Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

29. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 9-10 to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.
Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 9-10, either-sex.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30.

Bucks only: Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-29.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 16-22, Dec. 30-Jan 12.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 9-10, Nov. 29-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 9.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 9-10, Nov. 29-30, north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 5-20 and Jan. 13-26.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet EXCEPT waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$6.00 fee.

30. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/).

Deer:

Bucks only: Nov. 2-Nov. 28.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Bucks only: Dec. 9-13.

Either-sex: Dec. 14-15.

Bucks only: Dec. 16-20.

Either-sex: Dec. 21-22.

Bucks only: Dec. 23-Jan. 1.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8, Dec. 14-15, Dec. 21-22. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 4-Feb. 9.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Jan. 1.

31. PLUM CREEK (Formerly Georgia-Pacific WMA; Owner - Plum Creek Timber Company - 25,480 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed: Oct. 19-20, to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 19-20, either-sex.

Bucks only: Nov. 2-10.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 19-20, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 11-Feb.

9. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-30, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

32. POINTE-AUX-CHENES (Department Owned - 32,885 Acres, Region 8):

All nighttime activities prohibited.

Self-Clearing Permit required only when specified.

Permits available from headquarters on LA Hwy. 665 at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School and at Bason's Boat Landing in Cutoff. All nighttime activities prohibited. Hunting until 12 noon on all game EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting and Experimental Youth Deer Hunt. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. when shooting hours end at 12 noon. Point Farm: (Gate will be open during each Saturday of the 2nd segment of mourning dove season and all weekends during the month of Feb.). Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Point Farm: All hunting activities CLOSED from Nov. 1-Dec. 15.

Deer:

Lottery Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 29-30, Dec. 14-15. Either-sex. Daily Permit. Point Farm Property only. Call New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division, at (337) 373-0032 for details.

Bucks only: Nov. 29-30, Dec. 14-17, **EXCEPT** no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property. Self - Clearing Permit required.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Mourning Dove: Open only on each Saturday of the 2nd segment on Point Farm Property.

Small Game: Same as outside. **EXCEPT** rabbit hunting allowed only from Nov. 1-Feb. 28. Beagles may be used during waterfowl seasons on Point Farm only; and may be used throughout WMA when waterfowl seasons are **CLOSED**.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** hunting after 12 noon prohibited. Experimental Lottery Handicapped Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division for details (337)-373-0032.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Vessels/Vehicle: Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. are prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units and all interior ditches and duck ponds on the WMA. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

33. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned - 6,434 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30.

Bucks only: Dec. 1, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 4-10, either-sex.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29-30. Beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed

Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfish: Apr. 1-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

34. RED RIVER (Department Owned - 27,469 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Nov. 2-3 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 2-3, either-sex.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30. Daily Permit.

Bucks only: Dec. 1, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 2-3, Nov. 29-30, and **EXCEPT** no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited

Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects.

35. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned - 17,122 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Dec. 14-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Sept. 30-Oct. 13, Oct. 26-Nov. 17, Jan. 18-Feb. 2. Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is

prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

Note: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only and **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

36. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., Et Al - 13,706 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed: Oct. 12-13 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters.
Deer:

Youth Hunt: Oct. 12-13, either-sex.

Either-sex: Oct. 26-27, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Nov. 2-Nov. 28.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-13, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** **CLOSED** Oct. 12-13, 26-27, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan 11-26.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

37. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,103 Acres, Region 5):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 4-Feb. 9.

Deer: Same as Area 8 Deer Season **EXCEPT** still hunt only.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 14-Feb. 28.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

38. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned - 32,617 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit required only when specified. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche and Bayou Segnette landings and at Flemming Canal Store in Lafitte. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Area Closed: Nov. 2-3, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters.

Deer: Self-Clearing Permits required for all deer hunting.
Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 2-3, either-sex. See Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Dec. 14-22.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT** **CLOSED** Nov. 2-3, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, and **EXCEPT** beagles prohibited during duck season and gun hunts for deer. Steel shot required for gallinule.

Waterfowl: Same as outside. **EXCEPT** hunting after 12:00 noon prohibited.

Recreational Fishing:

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from Sept. 7-Feb. 2. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

ATVs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

39. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned - 3,515 Acres, Region 7):

No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Region 7 office (225-765-2360).

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Dec. 7-15.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 16-Jan. 1. Either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Except quail closes Jan. 31. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Jan. 11-26.

Mourning Dove: Sept. 7 and Sept. 14-15 only of first split. Closed remainder of 1st split, second and third splits are same as outside **EXCEPT** Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (Sept. 7). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Bird Dog Training: Sept. 9-Nov. 15 and Feb. 1-Mar. 2, **EXCEPT** restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and **EXCEPT** blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region 7 Office.

Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer **EXCEPT** as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

40. SHERBURNE (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 16,618 Acres, Region 6): The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after waterfowl season closes including the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed: Nov. 2-3 **EXCEPT** to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Deer: Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt: Nov. 2-3. either-sex, **ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED**. Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from Region Offices. Youth and Handicapped Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit Stations.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8.

Bucks only: Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 4-10. Either-sex.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 2-3, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8. Beagles allowed

for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 2-3, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8 (excluding the South Farm Complex) and **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and **EXCEPT** steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 4-Jan. 31. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Woodcock and Mourning Dove: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 2-3, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8.

Quail: **CLOSED**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26. Permit required from WMA Headquarters or Opelousas Office.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only on the North and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone (225) 765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

41. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned - 7,504 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30.

Bucks only: Dec. 1, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 4-8, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 29-30, and **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

42. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-1,200 Acres, Region 1):

Note: Due to the addition of new acreage the management plan for Soda Lake WMA is being developed. Contact the Minden Region I Office (318) 371-3050 for possible changes in the regulations and maps. Acreage east of Twelve Mile Bayou is closed to all activities until further notice.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Sport Fishing: Apr. 1-Aug. 31.

43. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Region 6):

Area Closed: Nov. 2-3, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 2-3, either-sex.

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30.

Bucks only: Dec. 1, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 4-10, either-sex.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 2-3, Nov. 29-30, EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Refuge area during duck season. Beagles allowed for rabbits, Jan. 11- Feb. 28.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. CLOSED until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: April 1-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. per person or group daily.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

44. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Dec. 21-29.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 30-Jan. 5, either-sex.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-Dec. 1 and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

45. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned - 26,295 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 29-30. Daily Permit.

Bucks only: Dec. 1, Dec. 21-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-8, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits, Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. is prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-26.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

46. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned - 5,358 Acres, Region 7):

Deer:

Muzzleloader: Nov. 16-Dec. 1, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 16-Dec. 1 and waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All handguns and .22 caliber rifles prohibited north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract).

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) CLOSED to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

47. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co., Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corp., et al - 12,852 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Lottery Hunt: Oct. 26-27, Either-sex. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Hunters must check in at the check station on Tennessee Road to have permit validated.

Either-sex: Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, Dec. 7-8.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 26-27, Nov. 2-3, 9-10,

16-17, 23-24 Dec. 7-8. Beagles allowed for rabbits
Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting allowed with dogs
Jan. 11-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m.
prohibited.

Raccoon: (Nighttime), Jan. 11-30. Permit required from
Monroe Regional Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed
hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise
provided.

48. WEST BAY (Owner - Boise-Cascade Co., La.
Pacific Corp., Willamette Industries, et al - 63,511 Acres,
Region 5):

Area Closed: Oct. 19-20, to all EXCEPT youth and
handicapped hunters.

Deer:

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped
Hunters:** Oct. 19-20, for handicapped and youth
hunters only. Permit for handicapped and youth
hunters must be obtained in advance from the
Region Office. Youth Permits must be obtained from
the Wolf Bay Camping Area Permit Station on Hwy.
112.

Either-sex: Oct. 26-27, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Bucks only: Oct. 28-Nov. 28.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT
CLOSED Oct. 26-27, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Beagles
allowed for rabbits Jan. 11-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting
with dogs allowed Jan. 4-Feb. 9. Waterfowl hunting
after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 11-Feb. 9, permit required
from Lake Charles Region Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken west of Mill Creek from
Sept. 14-Jan. 1.

49. WISNER (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation
Advisory Committee - 15,000 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit not required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT
rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season.
Beagles allowed during closed waterfowl season.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts.

Deer:

Oct. 26-27, either-sex, muzzleloader.

Nov. 2-3, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 7-11, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 16-17, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 23-28, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 29, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 7, either-sex, with or without dogs.

Dec. 8, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Dec. 21-23, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 24-Jan. 1, bucks only, with or without
dogs.

**Kisatchie Ranger District, Natchitoches Parish
and Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger
District, Rapides Parish**

Deer:

Oct. 26-27, either-sex, muzzleloader.

Nov. 2-3 either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 6-11, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 16-17, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 23-28, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 29, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 7-8, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Dec. 28-Jan. 1, bucks only, with or without
dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit,
Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only
area shall be still hunt only.

**Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District,
Vernon Parish, Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

Deer:

Oct. 26-27, either-sex, muzzleloader.

Nov. 2-3, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 6-11, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 16-17, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 23-28, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 29, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 7-8, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 28-Jan. 1, bucks only, still hunt only.

**Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne
Parishes.**

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt
only. *See Area 2 for either-sex dates in
Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

OTHER SEASONS ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

All Other Small Game: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 5-Feb. 28 only. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, EXCEPT during the trapping season when there shall be no limit.

All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO, all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer:

Oct. 12-13, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit.

Oct. 26-27, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

Nov. 2-3, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 11-Feb. 28 only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed Jan. 11-28.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer:

Oct. 12-13, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit.

Oct. 26-27, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

Nov. 2-3, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 11-Feb. 28, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed Jan. 11-Feb. 9.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS INDIAN BAYOU AREA

(18,000 Acres within St. Landry Parish):

Annual Hunting Permit required. Permits may be obtained from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577. Call (337) 585-0853 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Area Closed: Nov. 2-3, EXCEPT to youth and physically challenged hunters.

Youth & Physically Challenged Hunters Deer Hunt:

Nov. 2-3, either-sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

Physically Challenged Only Deer Hunt: Jan. 11-12, either-sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

All Other Deer Hunting: Self-Clearing Deer Tag Required. Daily Limit-1 Deer; Yearly Limit-4 Deer (2 Does; 2 Bucks, 6-Points or better) **EXCEPT** spikes less than 3 inches legal on either-sex days **ONLY**.

Deer:

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, either-sex.

Dec. 7-8, either-sex.

Dec. 21-Jan. 1, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 9-15, either-sex, Jan. 27-Feb. 2, bucks only.

Archery: Nov. 1-Feb. 2.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer. Dogs allowed for squirrels and rabbits Jan. 13-Jan. 26 and Feb. 3-Feb. 9. Dogs allowed for rabbits Feb. 3-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during gun hunts for deer. Additional Permit required for night hunting.

Crawfishing: Feb. 1-Aug. 15 Additional Permit required, available Jan. 1.

Mourning Dove and Woodcock: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Quail: **CLOSED.**

UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2002-2003 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species:	Mourning Doves
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	First Three Days of the State Season
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	Shooting Hours same as State Shooting Hours. Nontoxic Shot Only. Hunting Only in Areas of Mollicy Unit Outside of Levee.
Species:	Teal
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Special State Season
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Squirrel (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	October 5 - December 1
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Squirrel (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Hunt
Season:	December 2 - February 10
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Rabbit (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Hunt
Season:	October 5 - December 1
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

Species: Rabbit (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: December 2 - February 28
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Raccoon (Night Hunting)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: December 1 - 31
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Raccoon (Daylight Hunting)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Same as Refuge Rabbit Season
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Opossum (Night Hunting)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: December 1 - 31
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Opossum (Daylight Hunting)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Same as Refuge Rabbit Season
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Quail
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: State Season
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Woodcock
General Gun
State Season
State Limits Apply
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:

Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Waterfowl (Ducks, Geese, & Coots)
General Gun
State Season Including Youth Days.
Hunting Until Noon Each Day.
State Limits Apply
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:

Bag Limit:
Permit:

Significant Changes:

Waterfowl
Limited Youth
First Saturday of State Youth Waterfowl
Hunt
State Limits Apply
Season Permit on Brochure. Proof of
Hunter Education Required
Drawing for 10 Youths. Applications Will
be Accepted Until October 15.

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Archery
State Season
One Deer Per Day
Season Permit on Brochure
Additional Acreage Open

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
General Gun - 1
Nov. 2 - 3, 2002
One Deer Per Day
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
General Gun - 2
Nov. 22 - 24, 2002
One Deer Per Day
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limit:

Permit:

Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer

General Gun - 3

Nov. ~~30~~²¹ - Dec. 1, 2002.

One Deer Per Day

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limit:

Permit:

Significant Changes:

Feral Hogs

General Gun and Archery

All Refuge Hunts

State Limits Apply. Daylight Hours Only.

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permit:

Significant Changes:

Coyotes

General Gun and Archery

All Refuge Hunts

State Limits Apply. Daylight Hours Only.

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permit:

Significant Changes:

Beaver

General Gun and Archery

All Refuges Hunts

State Limits Apply. Daylight Hours Only.

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permit:

Significant Changes:

Legal Furbearers

Trapping

January 1 to the End of the State Season.

State Regulations Apply. Daylight Hours Only.

Season Permit on Brochure. Special \$10 Trapping Permit Required.

Additional Days.

Frogging

State Season.

Fishing

Year Round.

BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 2002-2003 HUNT SCHEDULE

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Comments:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL

General Gun

Oct. 5, 2002 - Jan. 11, 2003(without dogs)

Jan. 12 - Feb. 9, 2003(with/without dogs)

State Regulations

Closed during Youth hunt, Muzzleloader Hunt,
and General deer gun hunt

General Permits

Added 22 days without dogs, 7 days with dogs

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

General Gun (Youth Hunt)

Nov. 2- Nov. 3, 2002

State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Archery

Nov. 4, 2002 - Jan. 31, 2003

Closed during youth hunt and general deer gun
hunt

State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)

General Permits

Extended to end of state season

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Muzzleloader

Nov. 9 - Nov. 10, 2002

State Regulations(exception: 1 deer/day)

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER(EITHER SEX)

General Gun (lottery)

Dec. 7-8, 2002

State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)

Lottery Permit Required

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

General Gun (lottery youth)

Jan. 4 - 5, 2003

State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)

Lottery Permit Required

New Hunt to be held in areas otherwise not open to hunting

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

WOODCOCK

General Gun

Jan. 11 - Jan. 31, 2003 *State season*

State Regulations

General Permits

Added one week *closed during gun deer seasons*

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

WATERFOWL

General Gun

Open Tues., Thurs, Sat until noon during State season (closed during early teal season, deer gun hunt, youth hunt, and muzzleloader hunt)

State regulations

General Permits

Open Refuge wide except in designated no hunting zones

BLACK BAYOU LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2002-2003 Hunting Seasons/Regulations*

<u>Type</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>	<u>Specific Regulations</u>
Duck, Coot	State season; closed during special teal season	Hunting until noon in designated area; recognized breeds of retrievers may be used; construction of and/or hunting from permanent blinds is prohibited; boats, blinds and decoys may not be left unattended.
Quail, Woodcock	State season	Hunting in designated area only; recognized breeds of bird dogs may be used.
Squirrel, Rabbit	State season	Hunting in designated area only; dogs may be used after refuge archery deer hunt.
Raccoon, Opossum	January 1-31, 2003 for night hunting; may be taken during daylight hours of rabbit and squirrel season	Hunting in designated area only; elevated levels of mercury have been found in area raccoons. It is recommended they not be eaten. Raccoons may not be sold for human consumption.
Coyotes, Beavers	All refuge hunts	Hunting in designated area only; no bag limit; may be taken with weapon legal for particular season.
Deer Archery	November 1, 2002-December 31, 2002	Hunting in designated area only; possession or use of pods prohibited; all archery hunters must possess proof of completion of International Bowhunters Education Program; Limit 1 deer per day; either sex.

Deer Gun Hunting - CLOSED

*New Refuge opening dependant on ability to manage LDWF tracts as part of the refuge until land exchange occurs.

D'ARBONNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2002-2003 Hunting Seasons/Regulations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>	<u>Regulation Changes</u>
Duck, Coot	State Season	None
Quail, Woodcock	State Season	None
Raccoon, Opossum	December 1-31, 2002	None
Deer Archery	State Season	None
Deer Gun	November 2-3 November 23-24 November 29-December 1	None
Restricted Gun	November 16-17	None
Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Beaver	All Refuge Hunts	None

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

2002-2003 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species: Small Game - **Squirrel and Rabbit without dogs**
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: October 5 - December 5, 2002
Bag Limit: State limit
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Significant Changes: None
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: Small Game - **Squirrel and Rabbit with or without dogs**
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: December 9, 2002 - February 9, 2003
Bag Limit: State limit
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Significant Changes: None
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: **Deer**
Type Hunt: Archery; either sex
Season: November 2, 2002 - January 31, 2003
Bag Limit: State Limit
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Significant Changes: None
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: **Deer**
Type Hunt: General Youth Hunt; either sex
Season: November 23-24, 2002
Bag Limit: One deer per day
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education
Significant Changes: None

Species: **Deer**
Type Hunt: Lottery Youth Hunt; either sex
Season: December 30-31, 2002
Bag Limit: One deer per day
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education
Significant Changes: None
Note: Creates youth hunting opportunities and assist deer population control efforts in closed area.

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: 1st Lottery General Gun Hunt
Season: November 29-30, 2002
Bag Limit: One deer per day
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: 2nd Lottery General Gun Hunt
Season: December 14-15, 2002
Bag Limit: One deer per day
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader; either-sex
Season: December 6-8, 2002
Bag Limit: One deer per day
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sundays until noon during regular state season
Bag Limit: State Limit
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Significant Changes: None
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: Youth Lottery Hunt
Season: December 21, 2002
Bag Limit: State Limit
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General Youth Hunt
Season: State Youth Waterfowl Day
Bag Limit: State Limit
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education
Significant Changes: None

Species: **Raccoon**
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: January 1 - February 9, 2003
Bag Limit: State Limit
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: **Woodcock**
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: State Season
Bag Limit: State Limit
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Significant Changes: None
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: **Turkey**
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: State Season
Bag Limit: 1 Gobbler per day - 2 Gobblers per season
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Significant Changes: None

LAKE OPHELIA NWR

Proposed Hunt Seasons For 2001/2002

Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit, no dogs)

Acres Open: 12,255 (10/5 to 11/30) And 10,390 (12/1 to 2/10)
Dates/Days Open: First Saturday in October through February 10, 2003 except closed during
refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.
Significant changes: None

Squirrel & Rabbit (Dog season)

Acres Open: 10,390
Dates/Days Open: 1/20 to 2/10, 2003
Significant Changes: None

Archery Deer

Acres Open: 12,995 (11/1 to 11/30) And 10,360 (12/1 to 1/31)
Dates/Days Open: November 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003 except closed during refuge
youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.
Significant changes: None

Youth Shotgun/Muzzleloader Deer Hunt

Acres Open: 12,995
Dates/Days Open: November 2-3, 2002
Bag Limit & Method: One deer either sex with shotgun slugs or muzzleloader only.
Significant changes: Moved one week earlier to correspond with WMA Youth Deer hunts and
avoid conflict with Youth Waterfowl Hunt.

Muzzleloader

Acres Open: 10,390
Dates/Days Open: December 14-15, 2002 and January 4-5 and 18-19, 2003
Bag Limit & Method: One deer either sex per hunt, quota drawing for 400 permits each hunt.
Significant changes: Moved hunts later in season to correspond with deer rut.

Waterfowl

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during state waterfowl season except closed during youth and muzzleloader deer season.

Significant changes: None

Woodcock

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: Statewide season except closed during muzzleloader deer hunts.

Significant changes: None

Spring Turkey

Lottery Hunt

Acres Open: 12,255

Dates/Days Open: March 23-25 and March 30- April 1, 2002

Bag Limit and Method: One gobbler per hunter/season, shotguns with shot size smaller than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and lottery drawing for 20 permits per hunt. Application deadline - February 28.

Significant changes: Added five additional permits per hunt and extended hunts from two day to three day hunts.

Open Hunt

Acres Open: 12,255

Dates/Days Open: April 6-7, 2002

Bag Limit and Method: One gobbler per hunter/season. Hunters must complete a self-clearing permit before and after each hunt.

Significant changes: Added open hunt to provide some turkey hunting opportunity to those hunters not selected in lottery.

Grand Cote NWR

Ongoing Comprehensive Conservation Plan is addressing future hunting opportunities. Plan on having a draft plan out for review and comment by LDWF and others during 2003. Assuming favorable review and approval process would anticipate opening limited hunting seasons in the fall of 2004.

Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge

Proposed Hunt Seasons For 2002/2003

The Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge "Hunting Opening Package" (Hunt Plan, Environmental Assessment, Compatibility Determination, State Letter of Concurrence, and Section 7 Consultation) has been approved and forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Washington Office for publication in the Federal Register and Part 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Below is the refuge's proposed initial hunt season framework. Future hunt seasons will be modified as the refuge acquires additional acreage and develops further baseline wildlife population data. Currently, Cat Island NWR is comprised of 2,354 acres, of which 1,552 acres is in the hunt zone. By fall 2002, we anticipate acquiring approximately 4,000 additional acres, which will provide approximately 5,500 acres available for hunting by October 1, 2002.

Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Acres Open: Approx. 5,500

Dates Open: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Significant changes: N/A

Deer - Archery

Acres Open: Approx. 5,500

Dates Open: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Significant changes: N/A

Deer - Muzzleloader

Acres Open: Approx. 5,500

Dates Open: One 2-day lottery hunt November 9-10, 2002; One deer either sex per hunt; 200 permits will be drawn for each hunt based on 5,500 acres available.

Significant changes: N/A

Deer - Gun

Acres Open: Approx. 5,500

Dates Open: One 2-day lottery hunt November 23-24, 2002; One deer either sex per hunt; 200 permits will be drawn for each hunt based on 5,500 acres available.

Significant changes: N/A

Waterfowl

Acres Open: Approx. 5,500

Dates Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, & Sunday until noon during state waterfowl season;
except closed during gun and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Significant changes: N/A

Youth Waterfowl

Acres Open: Approx. 5,500

Dates Open: State Season

Significant changes: N/A

Woodcock

Acres Open: Approx. 5,500

Dates Open: State season except closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts.

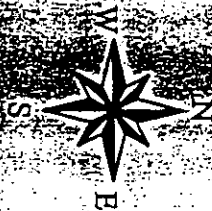
Significant changes: N/A

Turkey

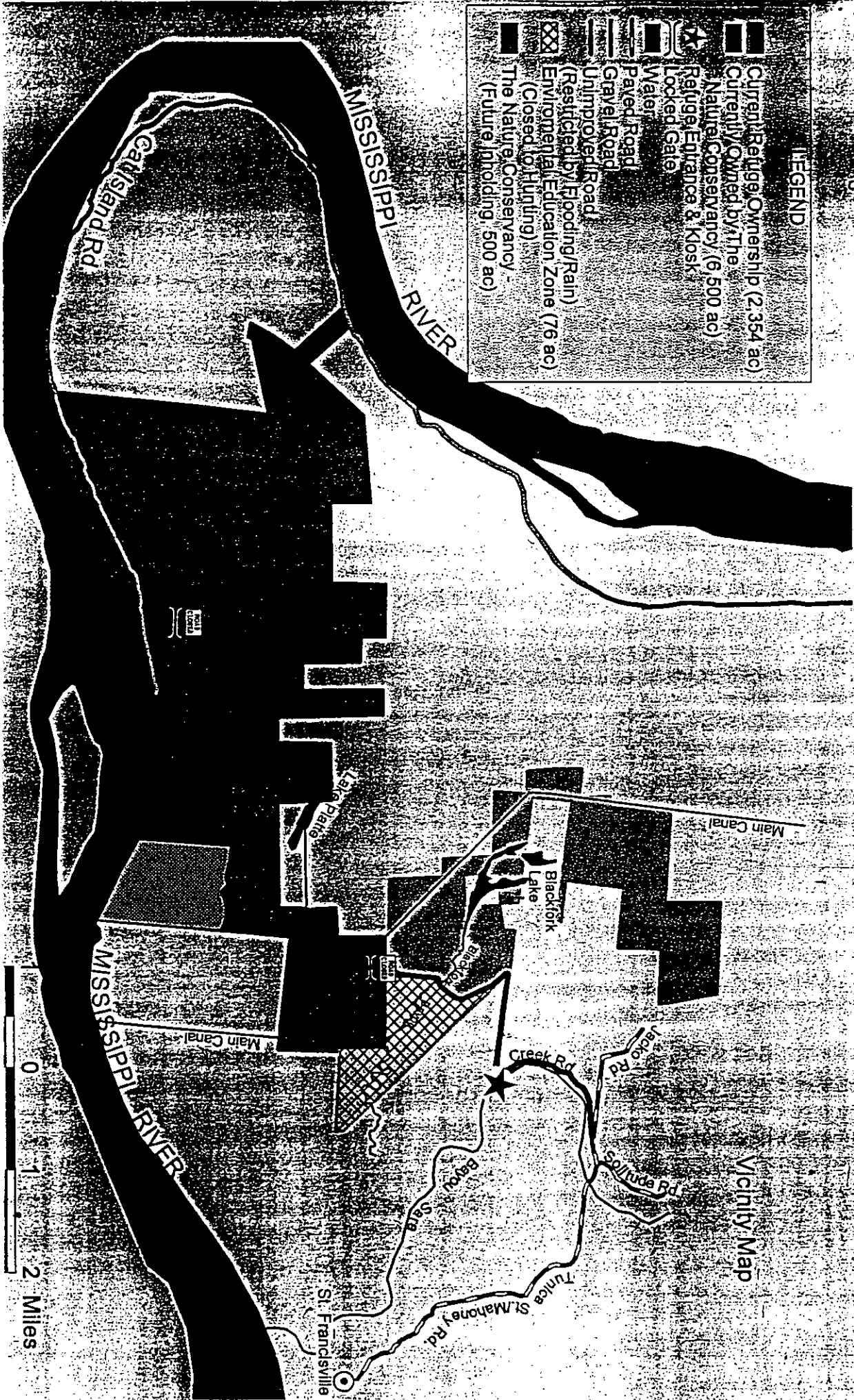
Plan on assessing refuge turkey population and hunting opportunity relative to spring flooding.
Based on favorable assessment would anticipate offering some turkey hunting in spring 2003.

Attachment A

Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge



LEGEND	
	Current Refuge Ownership (2,354 ac)
	Currently Owned by The Nature Conservancy (6,500 ac)
	Refuge Entrance & Kiosk
	Locked Gate
	Water
	Paved Road
	Gravel Road
	Unimproved Road
	(Restricted by Flooding/Rain) Environmental Education Zone (76 ac) (Closed to Hunting)
	The Nature Conservancy (Future holding, 500 ac)



Vicinity Map

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CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Proposed Hunts For 2002-2003

Headquarters Unit

Species: Squirrel (rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: October 5 - 31
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season except closed during gun hunt.
Bag Limit: State regulations - (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Firearm
Season: November 29 - 30 Area south of French Fork of Little River.
Bag Limit: State Regulations - (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Bushley Bayou Unit

Species: Squirrel, Rabbit without dogs (raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Firearm (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: October 5 - December 15 (except closed during deer gun hunts)
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Squirrel, Rabbit w/without dogs (raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Firearm (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: December 16 - end of State Season.
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun hunts)
Bag Limit: State regulations - (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Firearm
Season: November 29 - 30 December 1, 14, 15.
Bag Limit: State regulations - (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader
Season: November 9-15
Bag Limit: State regulations - (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Firearm (non-toxic shot)
Season: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon. State season (except closed during deer gun hunt)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: No permanent blinds; no blinds, boats, or decoys left over night.

Species: Waterfowl Youth w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Firearm (non-toxic shot)
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: No permanent blinds; no blinds, boats, or decoys left over night.

Species: Doves, Rails, Gallinules, Snipe, Woodcock w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Firearm (non-toxic shot)
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun hunts)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Proposed Hunt dates for Southeast Louisiana Refuges 2002-2003

Significant changes from previous season:

Modification of deer archery hunts during State season at Big Branch Marsh NWR by allowing either sex hunts the entire State season.

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 2002-2003

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex), January 1-12, 2003 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 30 - December 1 (either sex), November 23-28, December 14-22 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Deer: Primitive Weapon - December 7-13 (either sex)

Squirrel: State Season-- no dogs.

May be taken with the aid of dogs from November 1-9 and after the close of the state deer gun season. Non-toxic shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs.

May be taken with the aid of dogs from November 1-9 and after the close of the state deer gun season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 13 - February 28, 2003 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State season until noon

Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge deer archery and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 13 - February 28, 2003, hogs may be taken only with the aid of dogs during daylight hours. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: _____
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: _____
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 2002-2003

Deer: Archery--State season (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The first two or three weekends of the regular state duck season (depending on summer productivity) will be a lottery draw hunt. A total of 100 draw permits will be issued for each weekend of this period.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer gun season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer gun season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Gallinules & Rails: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Snipe & Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Quail: State season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt with archery equipment

Nutria: May be taken during any refuge hunt with weapons and ammunition legal for that hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all-refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: _____
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: _____
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 2002-2003

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex) and from the day after the close of the state duck season through January 31, 2003.

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The refuge shall be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the 'light goose' special conservation season.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt with archery equipment.

Nutria: May be taken during any refuge hunt with weapons and ammunition legal for that hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: _____
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: _____
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge

Proposed Hunting Seasons

The refuge consists of 6 separated units near Franklin, St. Mary Parish (Fig. 1). The amount of land accessible to hunting ranges from 80 acres to 1,474 acres per parcel and totals 4,385 acres. The refuge's primary mission is to provide habitat for the resident Louisiana black bears. The refuge plans to provide for public use activities including both consumptive and non-consumptive uses. The hunting seasons proposed include deer, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon and waterfowl hunting (Table 1). The refuge will be closed to all uses between December 1 and April 15, except in designated areas.

Using DMAP information provided by Tony Vidrine (LDWF, DMAP Coordinator) for areas adjacent to the refuge and within St. Mary Parish, a harvest of 1 deer per 150 acres was targeted. Applying this number to the acres available for hunting, the refuge target is a total harvest of 29 deer. Expected levels of hunter success were used to estimate the number of hunter efforts needed to reach Refuge harvest goals (Table 2). Permits will be distributed among the refuge's units (Table 3). Gun hunters will be permitted for multiple units, by lottery, for each 2-day season. Archery and small game hunters will be permitted, by lottery, for the entire archery or small game seasons. Each permitted hunter will be required to use Refuge self-clearing check in/out stations each day they hunt. Each unit of the refuge will be open to Archery and Gun Deer, and the small game hunts and check in/out stations will be available at each unit.

The refuge will allow the harvest of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon and waterfowl, excepting during scheduled deer gun hunts, by any hunter having the required permits and licences. State waterfowl regulations must be followed and only recognized retriever breeds can be used in conjunction with waterfowl hunts. No chase dogs will be allowed and hunting of squirrel, rabbit and raccoon and hunting can occur during daylight hours only.

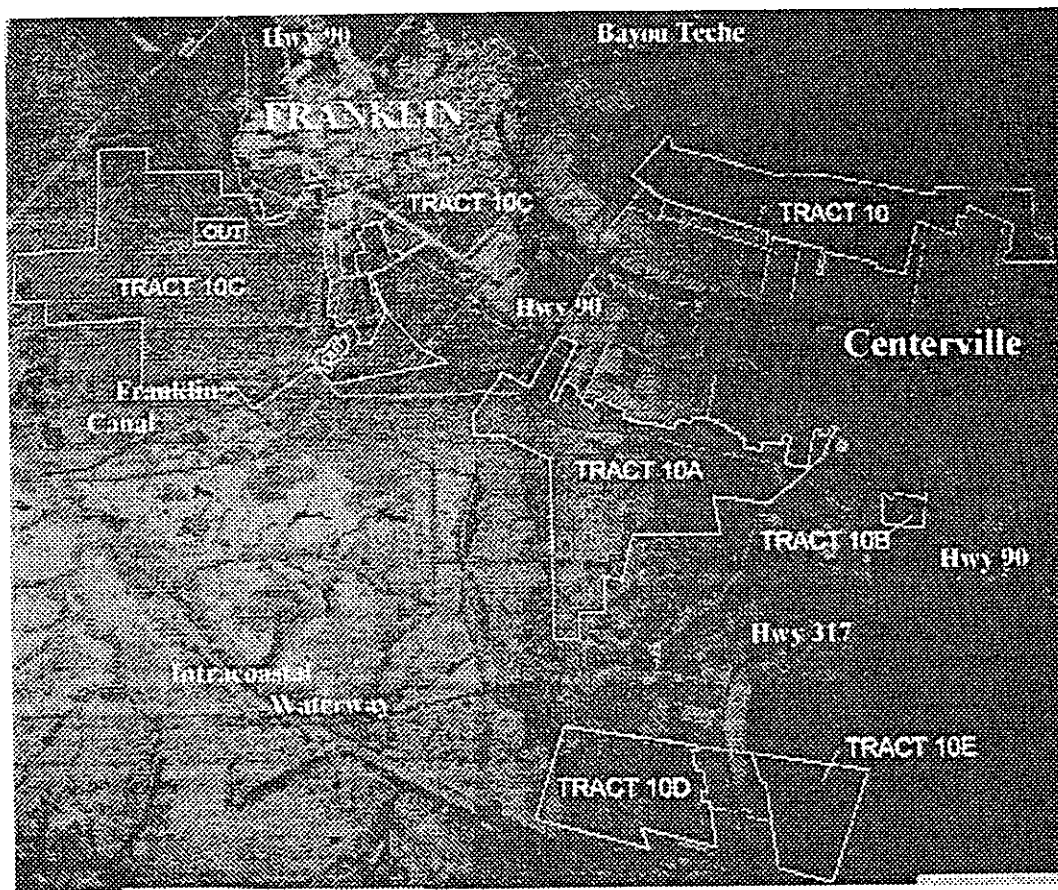


Figure 1. The Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge in Franklin, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

Table 1. Proposed Refuge hunting seasons.

Season	Dates
Deer - Archery, Lottery Either Sex	Oct 1 - 31
Deer - Youth Gun, Lottery Either Sex	Nov 16 - 17
Deer - General Gun, Lottery Either Sex	Nov 23 - 24
Squirrel, Rabbit, Raccoon and Waterfowl - Lottery; no chase dogs, only recognized retriever breeds for waterfowl; hunting during daylight hours only.	Nov 1 - 30, excepting Nov 16, 17, 23, & 24 (Waterfowl can not be taken until opening of State Season)

Table 2. Harvest expectations for the proposed archery, general gun, and youth deer hunts on Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge.

Harvest Season	Targeted No. Deer Harvested	Rate of Hunter Success ¹	Efforts
Archery	5	3%	176
Gun (General)	23	22.5%	104
Gun (Youth)	1	1%	104

¹ Based on information from check stations at Lake Ophelia, Mandalay and Tensas NWRs.

Table 3. Proposed number of lottery permits to be issued for units of Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge during deer and small game hunts.

Unit	No. of 2-day Gun Permits to Reach Harvest Goals	No. of Season Archery Permits	No of Season Small Game Permits
Tract 10, Centerville	13	35, Unit 10 and 10A only	35, Unit 10 and 10A only
Tract 10A, Garden City	18		
Tract 10B, Bayou Sale	0	23 permits, usable on Units 10B, 10C, 10D and 10E only	23 permits, usable on Units 10B, 10C, 10D and 10E only
Tract 10C, Franklin	8		
Tract 10D, North Bend - West	7		
Tract 10E, North Bend - East	6		
TOTALS	52	58	58

Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge

Summary of Year 2001/2002 Harvests

Deer/Feral Hog Harvest

Mandalay Refuge held an either sex deer and feral hog harvest open to bow hunters during the entire Louisiana state deer season (October 01, 2001 - January 31, 2002). A mandatory self check-in/check-out permit system was instituted for this season.

2001/2002 Harvest Results:

The harvest included 8 deer and 16 feral hogs. Estimated live weights for harvested animals ranged from 60 to 130 pounds for deer and 15 to 170 pounds for feral hog. Hunter effort was 35 days (142 hours) per deer and 18 days (71 hours) per hog harvested. Forty-two individual hunters participated in the Mandalay hunt; repeated hunts by the same individual yielded a total of 282 recreational days throughout the 4 month season. On average, individual hunters hunted on the Refuge eight times (range=1-30) during the season. Forty-four percent of these recreational days occurred during October, as well as 71% of the total harvest.

Table 1. Deer and Feral hog harvest on Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge, 2001-2002.

	Number Harvested	Male: Female	Average estimated weight (lbs)	Hunter Effort (Hunter days/animal)
Deer	8	7:1	102	35
Feral Hog	16	7:9	82	18

2002/2003 Proposal:

Hold a similar deer/feral hog harvest including the entire State Bow Season (October 01 - January 31).

Waterfowl Harvest

Mandalay Refuge held a lottery Youth/Adult waterfowl harvest. Hunter groups were permitted to hunt from 5 pre-placed blinds on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the Louisiana Waterfowl Season and on the State Youth Hunt days. A total of 20 hunting dates were offered through this program. Applicants could apply as a Youth or Adult group on any hunt day. Youth hunt groups were given preference over Adult hunt groups in a lottery drawing.

2001/2002 Harvest Results:

The overall hunter success during the Youth/Adult harvest was fair, with 1.83 ducks

the season, with 82 percent of blinds being used; this dropped to 45 percent during the second split. Youth and Adult hunt days were fairly evenly distributed with 74 Youth days and 67 Adult days.

The duck species represented in Mandalay NWR harvest were ringneck (24%), wigeon (23%), blue-wing teal (22%), gadwall (16%), shoveler (6%), mallard (3%), lesser scaup (3%), green-wing teal (2%), pintail (1%), and redhead (0.5%). Coots (58), gallinules (13) and rails (2) were taken in addition to ducks.

Table 2. Summary of results from Mandalay NWR's 2001/2002 Waterfowl Season, with comparison to 2000/2001 season.

	Number of Ducks	Hunter Days	2001/2002 Hunter Success (ducks/hunter day)	2000/2001 Hunter Success (ducks/hunter day)
Youth Hunts	128	74	1.73	1.73
Adult Hunts	131	67	1.96	2.03
1 st Split	152	79	1.92	1.71
2 nd Split	106	62	1.71	2.00
Overall	258	141	1.83	1.82

2002/2003 Proposal:

Continue the Youth/Adult Lottery Hunt as is, with lottery preference for adults bringing youth on hunts.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2002/2003 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds - Public Hunt Area

Species:	Waterfowl and gallinules
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Waterfowl Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Gallinule Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons until end of State gallinule season (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None.

Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and gallinules is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2002/2003 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds - Lottery Hunt

Species:	Waterfowl and gallinules
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Waterfowl Season:	Mornings until noon on designated Wednesdays (seniors) and Saturdays (youth) during State duck seasons for western zone.
Gallinule Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesdays (seniors) and Saturdays (youth) during State duck seasons for western zone until the end of the state gallinule season.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Special Use Permit.
Significant Changes:	None.

Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and gallinules is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted on designated Wednesday and Saturdays.
2. Hunters must be out of the hunting area by noon.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am and may not enter later than 5:30 am.
4. All hunters must sign in at the gate at the end of Streeters Road before entering the hunting area.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only one vehicle per hunting party may enter the hunting area. All other vehicles will be parked at the P and H fishing pier. The one vehicle per party will park at the designated parking areas.
7. Hunters will be required to fill out a data sheet at the entrance gate at the end of the hunt.
8. Decoys must be removed each day.
9. Hunters are required to pick up all litter, including spent hulls, around blind sites and remove this litter from the hunting area.
10. Only ducks, geese, coots, and gallinules may be taken in the hunting area. Hunters are reminded that gallinule season ends January *, 2003. Canada geese may only be taken on January * and only with the State's special permit that is required of everyone, regardless of age. This permit can be purchased for \$5.00 from any license vendor.

11. Sky busting is prohibited.
12. Hunters are required to hunt only from the designated blinds.
13. Hunters are required to replace the lids on the blinds at the end of each hunt.
14. ATV's are authorized on the main limestone road of P and H and on the nearest field roads leading to each blind. ATV's are not allowed out in the fields or on any other farm roads of the hunting unit.
15. Retrievers are allowed.

LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR THE 2002 SEASON

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One legal deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 h.p. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes outside Lacassine Pool - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2002 - 2003 HUNT SEASON**

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used and must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Youth Waterfowl Hunt: 2002 - 2003

Species:	Waterfowl (ducks & geese)
Type hunt:	Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season:	Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2 days during Thanksgiving & Christmas school holidays.
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	One day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	All youth and adult participants must have proof of completion of Louisiana hunter education course or accepted state hunter education course.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	None

Experimental Rabbit Hunt: 2002 - 2003

Species:	Rabbits (swamp & cottontail)
Type hunt:	Limited lottery drawn hunts. Remaining Saturdays of rabbit season following the closure of waterfowl season.
Bag Limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Five group (up to six individuals), one day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	Hunts will be conducted between 8:00AM & 4:00PM. Up to 4 dogs may be used at one time. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used during experimental rabbit season.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	Current experimental rabbit hunt is ongoing. If unforeseen problems arise, experimental rabbit hunt will not be conducted in following years.

Experimental Snipe Hunt: 2002 - 2003

Species:	Snipe
Type hunt:	General public
Season:	Remaining dates of snipe season following the closure of waterfowl season. Hunts will be conducted from 12:00 noon to sunset Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday.
Bag Limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Daily harvest data must be completed following hunt and placed in collection box prior to departing refuge.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot
Significant changes:	Current experimental snipe hunt ongoing. If unforeseen problems arise, experimental snipe hunt will not be conducted in following years.

Experimental Dove Hunt: 2002 - 2003

Species:	Doves
Type hunt:	General public
Season:	Entire first season of dove hunting. Hunts will be conducted from 12:00 noon to sunset Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday.
Bag Limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Daily harvest data must be completed following hunt and placed in collection box prior to departing refuge.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot
Significant changes:	First experimental dove hunt. If unforeseen problems arise, experimental dove hunt will not be conducted in following years.

SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2002-03 PROPOSED HUNTING

Species: Teal (September Teal Hunt)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during
State season for western zone

Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during
State season for western zone

Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 9-10-11, 2002

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated in 1983 it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document, the deer herd in the Avondale area had a very early rut similar to that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there was a small area near Clinton, Louisiana, including Camp Avondale, which exhibits the odd, early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. A number of years later a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the modern firearm season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot

the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule the Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur in the first two weeks of November. This is well before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

Not to be included in the hunting regulations pamphlet

The following is the regular special hunting season framework for both areas. The seasons are set by their wildlife consultants and the respective base and camp commanders.

Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) Bossier Parish -

All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates except deer which will open with Area 2 and close with Area 6 (experimental) and EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either sex.

Camp Minden (formerly Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant LAAP) Bossier and Webster Parishes -

All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either sex.

Avery Island

Deer season same as outside with Area 7 season dates and the entire season is either-sex.

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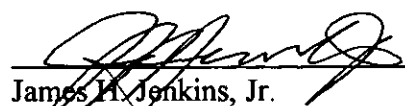
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all

illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or

night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally from September 1 through February 28 during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with no limit, ~~including WMAs.~~ On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel and during gun deer seasons anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Pelting or selling of carcasses is illegal EXCEPT when taken by a licensed trapper during the trapping season. Trespass upon private property without consent for the purpose of taking nutria is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265).

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 2 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock,

wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans. ~~ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.~~

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

— 8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter and attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to

follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on
Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and

Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under

the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to ~~possess~~, sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued

by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or

public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is ~~en~~ in route to the domicile of its possessor, or

until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Except in wildlife management areas, a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59

inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in

progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, ~~Pass-a-Loutre~~ and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400

square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youth must be under the age of 16, must have proof of successfully completing a Department approved hunter safety course, and must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt big game.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

~~i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.~~

ii. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, west of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iiii. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

viiix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

~~i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.~~

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959,

south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iiiv. Franklin - All

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from

the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine, Caldwell.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also

open:

i. Allen - ~~North of U.S. 10 from the parish line to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from the intersection of La. 10 to the intersection of U.S. 190 at Kinder and north of U.S. 190 from Kinder east to the parish line~~ North of U.S. 190 from the parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale, westward to the parish line;

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Catahoula - That portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry. West of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

v. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vi. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

vii. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to

La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula parish line.

viii. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

x. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xi. Vernon - North of La. 10 from the parish line westward to ~~the intersection of La. 113, south and east of La. 113 eastward to the parish line.~~ Also the portion ~~North and east~~ of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north ~~and west~~

of U.S. 190 westward ~~from~~ of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - ~~East of La. 27 and s~~South of U.S. 90. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La.
14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S.
190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east

and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting with firearms is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - ~~South of La. 1 and also All~~ except that portion ~~east~~ west of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. Terrebonne - North of La. 182 from Assumption Parish line eastward to Houma, east of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

xii. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.

ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iyii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

~~a. The following parish is open: Terrebonne.~~

ba. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. Terrebonne - South of La. 182 from Assumption Parish line eastward to Houma, west of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen - ~~That portion lying south of La. 10 from the parish line near Elizabeth to the intersection of U.S. 165, west of U.S. 165 from the intersection of La. 10 to the intersection of U.S. 190 at Kinder, and east of La. 113 from the intersection of U.S. 190 to the parish line~~ That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder, west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale eastward to parish line;

ii. Vernon - ~~That portion lying south and east of La. 113 from the parish line~~ northward to Pitkin, and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line;

iii. Beauregard - That portion lying east of La. 113. Also that portion ~~lying south and east of La. 190 from the Texas state line to DeRidder, and west of La. 27 from DeRidder to the parish line~~ west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu - That portion lying ~~west~~ east of La. 27 from the parish line ~~near DeQuincy~~ southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been

officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, except for Lake Boeuf, Salvador/Timken and Pointe-aux-Chenes or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt deer according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties

should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit. Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA

regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's

activity on the day of the activity. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a camp. ~~AFTER each day's activity on the day of the activity.~~ EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. In an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt

from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area.

Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts. -

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There is no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes

WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year there after. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT ~~nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-aux-Chenes~~ as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not

allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 - caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands ~~where~~ the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters from the beginning of archery season on the area until February 28 and only with guns/ammunition or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

1. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

n. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Managements Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) as well as hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season

restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped ~~hunters~~ hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially

designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. ~~Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and can be obtained from the WMA headquarters. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area.~~ Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits ~~may~~ must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these

boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, dumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird

hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

ba. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

cb. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

dc. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ~~ATV tires are restricted to those with a maximum one inch lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.~~

ed. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and

hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

fe. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

gf. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

hg. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

ih. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ~~ATCs~~ and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.--

ji. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails.

Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

kj. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

lk. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

ml. ATVs, ~~ATCs~~ and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. ~~Trails and roads designated as ATV only shall be closed to ATVs~~ are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purpose. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail and designated on WMA maps. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only.

nm. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Commercial Activities. Hunting Guides/Outfitters:
No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any

other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

110. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

121. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

132. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

143. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

154. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

165. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

176. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures

are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

e. Bayou Pierre

f. Bens Creek

g. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

j. Bodcau

k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

l. Boise-Vernon

m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per

person per day.

p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

rs. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

st. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods, roads and trails.

tu. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting-schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

uv. Lake Boeuf

yw. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

wx. Little River

xy. Loggy Bayou

yz. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed.

Attended lift nets are allowed.

zaa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

aab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

abc. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

acd. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance

required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

adr. Plum Creek (Formerly Georgia-Pacific). EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

ae. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting and experimental youth deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during each Saturday of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only

and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des

Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact Pointe-aux-Chenes. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the North and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on

farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

—ao. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed

in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT ~~spring~~ turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations:
Region 1 - March 19, 6:30 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 18, 7:00 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 19, 7:00 PM, Alexandria Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 12, 7:00 PM, Concordia Parish Community Center, Ferriday, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 20, 7:00 PM, Burton Coliseum, Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 14, 7:00 PM, East Houma Bingo Hall, Houma, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 14, 7:00 PM, Elmer E. Lyons Auditorium, Covington High School, Covington, Louisiana. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until Tuesday, May 7, 2002 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the

Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman



Whereas, the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, (LOTF), was notified yesterday that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission placed a “Notice of Intent and a Declaration of Emergency” for a “Moratorium on New Oyster Leases”; and,

Whereas, the LOTF was unaware of any concerns that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries had concerning the application for new oyster leases; and,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Gattle, Chair
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Jimmy Jenkins, Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Jack Caldwell, Secretary 
Department of Natural Resources

FROM: Terry Ryder, Special Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: March 7, 2002 Recommendation for a Moratorium on the Issuance of New Oyster Leases

DATE: March 7, 2002

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Regretfully, for the reasons which are outlined in greater detail in Secretary Caldwell's letter of March 7, 2002, this administration has no choice but to concur with the DNR recommendation for an indefinite moratorium on new oyster leases, and ask that you do all in your power to take action consistent therewith. Such action would provide your agencies the opportunity to give full consideration to recent and imminent court decisions and at the same time work with industry representatives to offer needed law changes during the extraordinary legislative session later this month.

Please contact me if further information is required.

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Attachment

c: Dr. Len Bahr



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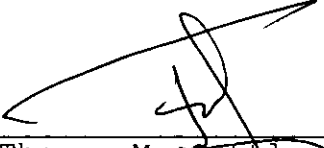
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Thomas M. Gattale, Jr., Chairman
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
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Notice of Intent

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman



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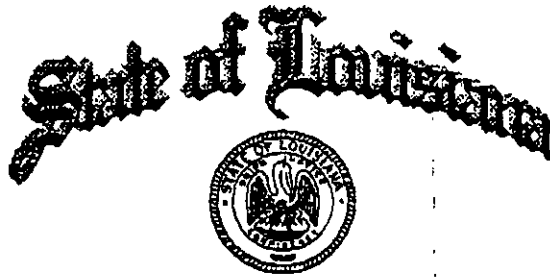
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429 and R.S. 56:432.1, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission declares an immediate moratorium on the issuance of oyster leases and on the taking of oyster lease applications for state waterbottoms not presently under lease. Continuation of issuance of new oyster leases would pose an imminent peril to the public welfare and requires adoption of a rule upon shorter notice than provided in R.S. 49:953.A, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following emergency rule. Adoption of this Declaration of Emergency is necessary, according to the Department of Natural Resources, inasmuch as immediate action is essential to reduce the State's exposure to potential claims from oyster leaseholders and further, that failure to do so would pose an imminent peril to the coastal restoration program and to the Federal/State partnership which is critical to the efforts of the State to obtain comprehensive coast-wide restoration authorization and funding.

This Declaration of Emergency will become effective on March 7, 2002, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule.

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. . Oyster

§505. Oyster Lease Moratorium

A. A moratorium on the issuance of oyster leases for waterbottoms not presently under lease is established. This includes a moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications for waterbottoms not presently under lease. All pending applications will be held, along with all fees paid, pending a resolution of the moratorium, unless the applicant requests cancellation of the application and refund of fees. In the event of the death of an applicant, the applicant's heirs or legatees should so notify the Department; and any lease ultimately issued shall only be issued to persons placed in possession of the application by Judgement of Possession or to a court-appointed administrator or executor on behalf of a deceased applicant's estate.

B. A moratorium is placed on the auction of oyster leases in default in payment of rent per LAC 76:VII.501.G, as authorized by R.S. 56:429.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429, and R.S. 56:432.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 10:948 (November 1984), amended LR 28: .

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Notice of Intent

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to repeal LAC 76:VII.500 relative to lifting the oyster lease moratorium and to amend and re-enact LAC 76:VII.505 relative to a moratorium on new oyster leases. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429, and R.S. 56:432.1. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§500. Lifting of Oyster Lease Moratorium

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and R.S. 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:808 (August 1991), repealed LR 28: .

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~~A. 1. Whereas, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was requested to consider the issue of those lease applications which were cancelled for failure to comply with a Commission rule requiring them to survey the application within the six month period after notification for which the applicant had executed a forfeiture agreement, and~~

~~Whereas, the following pertinent comments were pointed out at previous meetings of the Commission's Oyster and Shrimp Committee by memoranda and discussions and generally again today by Dr. Ford, Mr. Schafer, Mr. Ron Dugas or Mr. James Anyon:~~

~~a. that the original purpose of the "Moratorium on Applications" for oyster leases was to permit the Survey Section to become reasonably current with many outstanding applications that were a number of years old,~~

~~b. that much progress has been made,~~

~~c. that achievement of a "current" operating basis~~

~~was projected to be reached in the next 12 to 18 months provided field surveys continued to be completed at the current level or improved in quantity accomplished and could be executed,~~

~~_____ d. that the original and primary purpose of the "Partial lifting of the moratorium" on applications was to permit and encourage younger fishermen to get in the oyster business as oyster farmers by obtaining their own leases,~~

~~_____ e. that the original guidelines of six month's limitation was recommended and agreed upon by representatives of the oyster industry after much discussion,~~

~~_____ f. that we felt the opportunities extended by the Department were conducted fairly and reasonably in accordance with the provisions established by the Commission provided that there was no procrastination by the applicants,~~

~~_____ g. that every reasonable courtesy and consideration was extended by the staff,~~

~~_____ h. that any extension or reinstatement of this group of cancelled applications could have the very serious potential of setting the Survey Section back substantially in trying to achieve a current operating level since each private survey had to be examined and checked very carefully (some having been referred back to the private surveyors several times up to six times in one case, at least, for making corrections) and, finally,~~

~~_____ i. that these eight points and other constitute good and valid grounds for the staff recommending no further~~

~~consideration without any prejudice towards any oyster farmers.~~

~~Whereas, hearing a proposal submitted by the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, the Plaquemines Oyster Association, and the Terrebonne Parish Oyster Association.~~

~~B. Now, therefore be it resolved, that those persons that had applications cancelled because of the failure to meet the six month restriction would be allowed to reapply under the following rules:~~

~~1. Only the applicants whose applications were cancelled for failure to comply with the six month requirement could reapply.~~

~~a. The individual would have 15 days from receipt of a certified letter (return receipt) to re-apply. If no response, there shall be no further consideration for reinstatement of the application.~~

~~b. The reapplication would have to use the same description, in other words, the same area as the original application if still available and no more acreage but possibly encompassing less acreage; however, it would not supersede any existing applications or encompass leases which were surveyed after any prior cancellations.~~

~~c. The reapplication would have to be for not more than the acreage applied for in the cancelled application; however, it could be for less acreage.~~

~~d. The applicant would be required to pay an~~

~~additional 20 percent of the basic application fee to cover the cost of administrative services, and this would be based on the acreage applied for.~~

~~e. The same applicant must apply; he or she can not change the name on the application, nor can the applicant be transferred to another person.~~

~~2. The applicant would then have six months from the date of the application to complete this survey.~~

~~3. The department's Survey Section would use a different prefix to distinguish these applications from those cancelled.~~

~~4. If the applicant fails to comply with any of the above rules, and the department's applicable rules and regulations for this program, the application will be cancelled and the application fee retained by the department.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:422, R.S. 56:425, R.S. 56:429, and R.S. 56:432.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 10:948 (November 1984), amended LR 28: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of

intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Heather Finley, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, June 6, 2002.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman



M. J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Gattle, Chair
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Jimmy Jenkins, Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Jack Caldwell, Secretary 
Department of Natural Resources

FROM: Terry Ryder, Special Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: March 7, 2002 Recommendation for a Moratorium on the Issuance of New Oyster Leases

DATE: March 7, 2002

We have reviewed Secretary Caldwell's letter of March 7, 2002, to Secretary Jimmy Jenkins recommending an indefinite moratorium on the issuance of new oyster leases. As you know, Governor Foster has advocated approaches that would provide for the continued health of our state's oyster industry while at the same time would allow the restoration and conservation of our coastal wetlands, the habitat upon which oysters depend. The governor consistently has directed that we keep as many acres of oyster beds in commerce as possible. Despite cooperative efforts by state agencies in the form of MOU's, legislation making needed changes passed with the support of the administration and representatives of the oyster industry, and various changes to the terms of oyster leases which should have or eventually will have a constructive effect, the state finds itself in the unfortunate position of facing awards for alleged damages that threaten the financial well-being of the state and, which, if certain developments were to continue, could have the profound effect of bringing our coastal restoration program efforts largely to a halt.

Mr. Gattle, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Caldwell
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Regretfully, for the reasons which are outlined in greater detail in Secretary Caldwell's letter of March 7, 2002, this administration has no choice but to concur with the DNR recommendation for an indefinite moratorium on new oyster leases, and ask that you do all in your power to take action consistent therewith. Such action would provide your agencies the opportunity to give full consideration to recent and imminent court decisions and at the same time work with industry representatives to offer needed law changes during the extraordinary legislative session later this month.

Please contact me if further information is required.

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Attachment

c: Dr. Len Bahr



M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

JACK C. CALDWELL
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

March 7, 2002

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr.
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Dear Secretary Jenkins:

Our Departments have worked closely over the past six years to develop and implement policies and procedures to address growing conflicts between segments of the State's oyster industry and the coastal restoration program. A Memorandum of Agreement was established between the Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) in 1996 to establish coordination mechanisms and requirements.

The MOA provided that LDNR would annually produce a restricted area map to delineate areas in which oyster leases were likely to sustain adverse effects as a result of coastal restoration projects. LDNR annually reviews all expiring leases and provides recommendations to LDWF concerning renewal. LDNR and LDWF have jointly worked with the legislature to develop and pass language which amended the language of the oyster lease form to strengthen indemnification and immunity. In 1997, the Legislature authorized an approach to resolve conflicts between coastal restoration and oyster leaseholders (La. R.S. 56:432.1). This approach has currently been used only for the Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion project.

Despite these efforts, it is clear that we have not been successful in achieving a balance between the State's very important interest in a viable oyster industry and the imperative of coastal restoration projects which are critical to preserving and protecting the fish and wildlife resources, infrastructure and persons residing in the coastal zone. Recent trial court damage awards, which total well over \$1 billion, call for a thorough review of the oyster leasing program. Although the trial court awards are subject to review by the appellate courts, and any ultimate judgements can only be paid by legislative appropriation, the vexing problem of oyster damage claims is a looming and profound threat to the State's treasury and the coastal restoration effort.

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Secretary James Jenkins, Jr.

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The problem mentioned above is not being minimized by our joint efforts to manage lease renewals and new leases for a number of reasons:

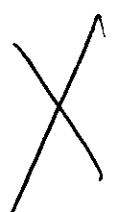
- a. Although LDNR and LDWF have made every effort to identify and delineate the impact areas of coastal restoration projects, some courts have consistently broadened the areas subject to damage claims without sufficient regard to the lack of engineering or scientific bases for the assertions of damage. Essentially and unfortunately, our reliance on restricted areas in making decisions on new leases or renewals has not been effective in eliminating or limiting damage claims.
- b. Although the oyster industry has generally supported legislation which was intended to address the oyster damage claims problem, such as statutes which authorized restricted term leases (bobtail leases), operational leases, and indemnity clauses, some oyster lease holders continue to challenge these statutes in court. Because state statutes mandate that new leases must be issued for 15 year terms, issuance for a shorter term as is authorized for renewal leases is not an option. Until final court rulings are rendered, the program proceeds under a cloud of great uncertainty.

I request that you immediately declare an indefinite moratorium on the issuance of new oyster leases on all state water bottoms. Important case decisions interpreting state statutes are imminent. Immediate action is essential to reduce the State's exposure to potential claims from oyster lease holders. Failure to do so would pose an imminent peril to the coastal restoration program and to the Federal/State partnership which is critical to the efforts of the State to obtain a comprehensive coast-wide restoration authorization and funding. This moratorium would provide time for LDNR, LDWF, and representatives of the oyster industry to review the current oyster leasing program and to develop administrative and legislative solutions. I am advised that, given the very large number of acres of state water bottoms currently leased for oyster production, there would be no significant impact to the oyster industry in the short term resulting from the moratorium.

Very truly yours,


Jack C. Caldwell

cc: Governor M.I. "Mike" Foster

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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		

Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000								
July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01								
July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov. 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93		
May 2001	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58		
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90		
Total FY 2001	203	\$257,864.31	\$0.00	294	\$91,549.74	\$8,222.62	39%	145%
FISCAL YEAR 2001-02								
July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54		
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52			
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29		
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.06		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32		
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66		
Dec., 2001	36	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17		
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09		
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	\$620.55	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63		
Mar., 2002								
Apr., 2002								
May, 2002								
June, 2002								
Total FY 2002	159	\$90,001.30	\$620.55	205	\$57,080.32	\$2,993.70	67%	129%

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
02/01/2002 TO 02/28/2002PAGE: 1
DATE: 03/01/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	27	\$13,961.31
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	10	\$250.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	27	\$14,211.31
PAYMENTS	25	\$9,670.62-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	3	\$245.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	5	\$567.71-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	4	\$9,459.54-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	3	\$75.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	16	\$861.63-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.46
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$620.55-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	2	\$37,950.52-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	7	\$4,979.91-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2001 TO 02/28/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	159	\$89,301.30
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	28	\$700.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	159	\$90,001.30
PAYMENTS	101	\$37,010.23-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	10	\$2,476.81-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	15	\$3,003.64-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	16	\$14,114.64-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	30	\$775.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	61	\$2,993.70-
OVERPAYMENTS	11	\$2.39
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	4	\$344.94
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$620.55-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	1	\$209.14-
WRITE-OFFS	5	\$38,504.77-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	1	\$395.71-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	9	\$6,028.99-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$132.50
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 02/28/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,357	\$3,046,915.52
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	286	\$7,575.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,357	\$2,842,834.89
PAYMENTS	2,926	\$605,030.33-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	25	\$4,173.51-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	59	\$18,578.15-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	41	\$22,292.24-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	153	\$4,000.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,059	\$255,298.75-
OVERPAYMENTS	109	\$90.04
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	57	\$11,620.13
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	15	\$32,367.85-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	3	\$1,327.94
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	63	\$36,913.30-
WRITE-OFFS	981	\$1,064,754.07-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	7	\$1,794.95-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	24	\$12,388.80-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	72	\$155,298.20-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	2	\$559.32-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	326	\$695,307.91

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	38	\$106,941.70 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 60 DAYS	6	\$1,486.89
61 - 90 DAYS	3	\$8,476.70
91 - 120 DAYS	3	\$838.84
121 - 150 DAYS	6	\$3,764.45
151 - 180 DAYS	5	\$2,265.75
181 - 365 DAYS	84	\$92,140.85
OVER ONE YEAR	150	\$117,948.75
OVER TWO YEARS	139	\$73,011.32
OVER THREE YEARS	692	\$492,165.45

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** TOTAL AGING	1,088	\$792,099.00
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	3	\$1,493.62
CURRENT	21	\$11,194.37
1 - 30 DAYS	36	\$20,676.05
31 - 90 DAYS	21	\$10,616.57
91 - 180 DAYS	8	\$10,559.00
181 - 365 DAYS	21	\$26,473.89
OVER ONE YEAR	142	\$136,814.84

COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	72	\$402,714.03

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	2	\$74,765.54

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** TOTAL AGING	326	\$695,307.91
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
02/01/2002-02/28/2002PAGE: 1
DATE: 03/01/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	415	\$21,350.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	150	\$3,750.00
CREDITS	27	\$675.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$24,425.00

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PAID IN FULL	464	\$28,080.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	12	\$525.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	1	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$60.00
REFUNDS	8	\$400.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	4	\$200.00-
VOIDS	16	\$800.00-
NOT GUILTY	46	\$2,350.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	3	\$150.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	6	\$300.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	6	\$300.00-

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2001-02/28/2002

PAGE: 2
DATE: 03/01/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	4,226	\$215,410.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	2,769	\$69,225.00
CREDITS	50	\$1,701.00-

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TOTAL DUE \$282,934.00

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PAID IN FULL	4,099	\$238,896.29-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	93	\$4,027.50-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	8	\$390.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	24	\$195.00-
WRITE-OFFS	5	\$195.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	5	\$63.79
REFUNDS	40	\$2,265.00
RETURNED CHECKS	4	\$125.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	4	\$40.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.85-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	9	\$450.00
CREDITS	8	\$600.00-
VOIDS	175	\$8,750.00-
NOT GUILTY	134	\$6,800.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	77	\$3,850.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	22	\$1,100.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	20	\$1,000.00-

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
INCEPTION TO DATE
02/28/2002PAGE: 3
DATE: 03/01/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	94,286	\$4,793,437.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	23,791	\$594,937.80
CREDITS	51	\$9,066.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$5,379,308.87

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PAID IN FULL	55,197	\$2,899,425.52-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,438	\$65,244.25-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	13	\$640.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	29	\$320.00-
WRITE-OFFS	5	\$195.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	172	\$3,981.78
REFUNDS	243	\$11,747.81
RETURNED CHECKS	69	\$3,550.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	68	\$1,070.00
CREDITS	168	\$141.88-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	174	\$10,000.00
CREDITS	30	\$1,800.00-
VOIDS	5,006	\$251,650.00-
NOT GUILTY	1,144	\$58,050.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	158	\$8,000.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	22	\$1,100.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	151	\$7,600.00-
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$2,115,491.81
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CURRENT	276	\$14,250.00
1 - 30 DAYS	210	\$10,700.00
31 - 90 DAYS	401	\$20,650.00
91 - 180 DAYS	583	\$34,630.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,471	\$104,305.50
OVER ONE YEAR	29,547	\$1,915,691.31

COLLECTIONS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	203	\$15,265.00

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	0	\$0.00

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** TOTAL AGING	32,691	\$2,115,491.81
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	914	\$46,875.00
0 - 90 DAYS	1,944	\$98,000.00
91 - 180 DAYS	977	\$65,730.00
181 - 270 DAYS	784	\$58,455.50
271 - 365 DAYS	341	\$25,725.00
OVER ONE YEAR	27,731	\$1,820,706.31

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



CONTACT
225/765-2925

2002-055

3/5/02

AMENDED AGENDA FOR MARCH 7 COMMISSION MEETING

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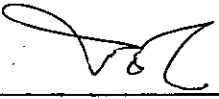
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7. Set July 2002 Meeting Date
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment

EDITORS: For more information, contact Marianne Burke at 225/765-2925
(burke_mm@wlf.state.la.us).

March 5, 2002

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2002-058

2/28/02

AGENDA SET FOR MARCH 7 WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2002, in the Louisiana Room at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Building at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

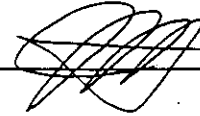
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February 26, 2002

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February 26, 2002

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: March Commission Meeting Agenda

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WINTON VIDRINE

3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/February

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

(None)

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6. Set July 2002 Meeting Date

7. Public Comments

JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
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Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Ewell Smith
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Marianne Burke

C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Tom Gattle

Fax #: 318-559-1524

Subject: Agenda

Date: February 26, 2002

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please call me after you have reviewed the attached agenda. Thank you!

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

225-765-2806
Fax: 225-765-0948

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Wildlife Division

1) NOI-2002-03
Season Dates

2) NOI-2002-03 Gen
+ WMA Hunting
Regs

3) Consideration of Deer +
Turkey Tags Proposal
Removed by P. Barham
2/26/2002

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TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Confidential
Assistant

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

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Novel Brandt

Mr Patton - no
items for March
per phone call
from Mary Guedry
2/5/2002 - 3:08PM.

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2/18/02

Susan:
Louisiana Fisheries Division
has no items for the March 7th
Agenda. * [Signature]

[Signature]

C. John Rousel

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2002 1:38 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Hawkins, Susan; Porch, Pat; Abbott, Janet
Subject: March Commission agenda

At this time, Marine Fisheries does not have any Commission items for March 2002.

To Susan

Date 2/18 Time 3:02 ☐ AM ☒ PM

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

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Message Info. Section

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meeting agenda

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Operator



REORDER
#23-000

Hawkins, Susan

From: Burke, Marianne
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2002 12:55 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Courtney, Joel
Subject: March Commission Mtg

Please add Public Information on the agenda for the March 7, 2002 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting. We will give our quarterly report for the end of 2001 and first quarter 2002.

Marianne M. Burke
Public Information Director
225/765-2917

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SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - **March 7, 2002**

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Monday, February 18th any agenda items your office may have for the **Thursday, March 7th** Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 7th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

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MEMORANDUM

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